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No casualties

Khoramshahr Arabs attack police post

KHORAMSHAH, Iran June 24 (Agencies) — Militant Iranian Arabs attacked a police post south of this port city with machine guns and hand grenades Saturday night, causing considerable damage to the building but no casualties, officials said Sunday.

The officials said the assailants fled soon after the attack. They incident followed several days of Arab demonstrations and minor cases of arson in the Khoramshahr area, where 37 people died in fighting at the start of this month between autonomy-seeking Arabs and government forces.

The local prosecutor-general claimed an Iraqi named Shaban al-Ogheli had been arrested after crossing the border illegally into Iran. He gave no further details.

Iranian Arabs staged anti-government demonstrations in Khoramshahr and Ahwaz Thursday and Friday before being dispersed by revolutionary guards firing in the air.

Meanwhile Iranian authorities in Khuzestan said Sunday they had arrested six armed Iraqis who had confessed to carrying out "acts of sabotage."

Abol-Qasem Satarian, prosecutor-general in Ahwaz, said the men were detained Saturday night about 40 kms outside Khoramshahr.

The official claimed that the six admitted involvement in recent incidents in Khoramshahr and Abadan, where the world's largest oil refinery is situated.

Iranian officials alleged that Iraqis had supplied arms to the Arabs in Khuzestan and that the Baghdad government had brought up troops to the frontier.

Relations between the two neighbors were later worsened by two border incidents further north in which Iraqi jets reportedly bombed and strafed villages and border posts in Kurdish-speaking areas of Iran.

A further setback to relations was caused by a declaration by an Iranian religious leader that Bahrain is an Iranian province and that the Iranian parliament which dropped claims to the Gulf state was an illegal one.

The statement by Ayatollah Rouhani drew angry reaction from Iraq and from other Arab countries.

Satarian said three people were arrested Saturday in Ahwaz after rifles including Kalashnikovs were found in their cars.

PLO claims credit for Tel Aviv blast

DAMASCUS, June 24 (Agencies) — Palestinian commandos said Sunday they had killed and wounded several Israelis in a bomb attack on Tel Aviv central bus station.

A commando spokesman quoted by the Palestine News Agency Wafa said a 15 kg (33 lb) bomb exploded at 9:50 a.m. (0750 GMT), inflicting casualties in the crowded station and setting houses on fire.

In Tel Aviv, police said two persons were killed and three others wounded in the blast.

The bomb exploded in a van as it stood at the intersection of the station's main thoroughfare and a side street. The two dead men were passengers in the van. Their bodies were badly dismembered.

The bomb exploded at a time when the area was crowded with travelers. Bystanders and shopkeepers in the area were stunned by the force of the explosion, and two of the injured were reported suffering from shock.

Later Sunday Israeli planes attacked two targets in southern Lebanon, Wafa reported.

Wafa said the planes struck at Aqibiyeh and Tuffahat.

Bonn minister sees greater risk of war between oil buyers

By Jim Landers

RIYADH, June 24 — West German Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff said here Sunday the Iranian revolution has "brought forward" the danger of wars between nations seeking access to diminishing world oil supplies.

In an interview with "Arab News," Lambsdorff said Iran's decision to scale down oil production by one-third means that violent confrontations — "not between producers and consumers, but between consumers and consumers" — might occur during the next five years.

"Our projections on the risks of such wars between 1985 and 1990 were made before Iran," he said, "and Iran has brought forward these dangers."

Lambsdorff's remarks were made during a visit to Saudi Arabia with West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher for talks on oil and the Middle East. The two ministers flew from Riyadh to Taif Sunday for meetings with King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd before leaving for Bangkok. They are to attend a seven-nation summit meeting in Tokyo beginning Thursday that will discuss the world energy crisis.

The two German officials had a lengthy session Saturday evening with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil in which the Saudi position toward this week's OPEC conference at Geneva was discussed.

"Of course nobody likes oil price rises, but let's be realistic," Lambsdorff said. "There will be another oil price increase following the Geneva conference. The Saudi side has told us they will be careful, and they have always been careful, but since Iran has lowered production by one-third they are not in as strong a position as they were before. The moderate position has lost some of its influence due to the reduction in the amount of production."

According to German officials traveling with the two ministers, the Middle East side of the talks centered on an exchange of views between the two countries concerning the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and the negotiations for Palestinian autonomy in the

occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The officials noted Saudi Arabia's concern that Jerusalem is "a central question" in the Middle East situation and argued in turn that the Arab states should not cut all links with Egypt for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

Genscher has met recently with several Arab leaders to discuss the Middle East and is expected to visit Baghdad early next month following the conclusion of the Tokyo summit.

Lambsdorff, asked what effect a \$20-a-barrel OPEC price level would have, warned that "a steep rise in oil prices would have serious economic repercussions" on the world's economy.

He dismissed, however, talk in some Western capitals about the creation of a "buyer's cartel" at the Tokyo summit that would set a ceiling on prices the industrialized countries would agree to pay for oil.

"There will be no such outcome," he declared. "The idea of a buyer's cartel was discussed in 1974. It would simply make matters between the consuming countries and the producing countries more complicated. The producing countries react rather sensitively to the question of a consumer's cartel. It is not a good idea politically and for reasons of a good climate for discussions. And besides, it wouldn't work."

Lambsdorff advocated instead a "floor" on world oil prices that would encourage private sector investment in alternative energy sources, including nuclear energy.

"One of the mistakes we made in the last energy crisis in 1974 was not implementing a floor price," he said. "People said \$8 a barrel was too high. Now we know better."

Lambsdorff said it would be "difficult" for Germany to meet its commitment as a member of the International Energy Agency (IEA) to reduce oil consumption by five per cent this year.

"First, because we only started this oil reduction in April or May," he said, "and second, because our economy will grow this year by at least four per cent, and it is not easy to reduce oil con-

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Israeli cabinet drops Weizman from autonomy discussions team

TEL AVIV, June 24 (Agencies) — Israel's cabinet dropped Defense Minister Ezer Weizman from negotiations on Palestinian autonomy Sunday, underlining his growing reservations about the hardline policies of Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Fellow ministers granted Weizman's request for permission to pull out of the delegation which Monday resumes discussion on autonomy with Egypt and the United States.

The reason publicly advanced by Weizman for wanting to leave the six-man negotiating team was that he considered it too large and cumbersome.

But the minister has made little secret of his objections to the severe limitations Begin wants to impose on the autonomy being proposed for Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza.

The disagreement comes while Weizman is also at odds with Begin over headlong Jewish settlement on occupied Arab land.

The differences appeared so sharp that newspapers began speculating last week on Weizman resigning from the government. But at a meeting with Begin Sunday morning Weizman apparently stopped short of this.

An official statement after the Begin-Weizman meeting shed no light on the discussion. It said:

"Mr. Begin held a talk with Mr. Weizman on several matters concerning security and political issues. Mr. Begin did not tell Mr. Weizman that he had to carry out government policies. There was no need because Mr. Weizman was already carrying out government decisions and policies."

While ostensibly accepting recent hardline cabinet decisions, Weizman took little trouble to

conceal his displeasure at them.

The most prominent case was the establishment two weeks ago, in defiance of world opinion, of the controversial Elon Moreh Jewish settlement in the Palestinian heart of the West Bank.

Weizman was reported to have been offended at being bypassed by Begin on the Elon Moreh issue. The prime minister ordered Israel's chief of staff, Lt.-Gen. Rafael Eitan, to write a court statement declaring that Elon Moreh was vital to the country's security.

In the event the statement was rejected by the court, it issued a temporary injunction against further construction work on the settlement.

Weizman had previously argued unsuccessfully in the cabinet against establishment of Elon Moreh, saying it was an unnecessary offense to world opinion at a time of delicate negotiations.

Similarly Weizman was unhappy about the unyielding stance of Begin on autonomy. His view has been that publication of such extremist aims at the outset of negotiations sharply reduced their chances of success.

In addition, Weizman clearly disliked having leadership of the negotiating team placed in the hands of Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

As a leading figure in the National Religious Party (NRP) Burg warmly supports the contention of Begin that the West Bank and Gaza are part of a "biblical heritage divinely bequeathed" to the Jewish people and must never be allowed back under "foreign" sovereignty.

In a recent interview Burg said Israel contemplated only "static autonomy" for the West Bank and

Gaza. This appeared to mean that Palestinians could not hope to advance towards full freedom from the Israeli domination that descended on them in the 1967 war.

Before coming to office two years ago, Weizman himself had long advocated hardline policies. He has not disclosed whether his growing reservations were dictated by a fundamental change of heart or by reasons of negotiating tactics.

CARTER IN TOKYO : President Carter waves as he descends from Air Force One Sunday in Tokyo to start a five-day state visit during which he will attend the economic summit.

Syria, Libya stress opposition to Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty

DAMASCUS, June 24 (R) — Syria and Libya stressed the importance of strengthening Arab resistance to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty during summit talks here Sunday.

The two countries reaffirmed their rejection of the accord shortly after Libyan leader Moammar Qaddafi, who arrived Saturday on the first leg of an Arab tour, had a second round of private talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, who attended a separate meeting with Libyan government officials, told reporters they had discussed ways of

before coming joint Arab action against the Egyptian-Israeli peace moves.

The Libyan Foreign Secretary, Dr. Ali Abdul Salam Tureiki, said a priority was to build up the defensive power of a hard-line Arab front for steadfastness and confrontation.

The alliance, which was

founded in December 1977, groups Syria and Libya along with Algeria, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Tureiki said Syria was at the heart of Arab resistance to Zionism, following "Egypt's capitulationist accord with Israel."

The ministers gave no further details of the talks, but informed sources said Qaddafi was seeking Syrian political support in a deepening conflict between his country and neighboring Egypt.

Another item on the agenda — Israeli attacks against southern Lebanon — was given added urgency with reports that at least 20 people had been killed or wounded by Israeli air raids in the region Sunday.

In Beirut, Palestinian sources have said Qaddafi has pledged \$10 million to help repair civilian property destroyed in a recent series of Israeli air, naval and artillery bombardments of south

Lebanon.

The Libyan leader was due to spend the night at Zabadani, a summer resort town 40 kms northwest of Damascus, before leaving Monday for Amman for talks with King Hussein.

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The accusations have been concocted to justify the arrests and persecution of advocates of Islam," the message claimed.

The society, which groups Muslim Brothers from Egypt, Kuwait and elsewhere in the Arab world, also sent a message to the Islamic symposium now meeting in Amman. It called for an "immediate halt to this wave of persecution against Muslim Brothers in Syria."

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Dr. Taher says :

Kingdom may up ceiling if OPEC unifies prices

By Mary Jo McConahay

DHAHRAN, June 24 — Saudi Arabia may decide to raise its oil production ceiling if the coming OPEC conference results in a unified pricing system, Petromin Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher told "Arab News" Sunday.

"I think there will be a modest increase if OPEC comes up with a unified pricing system," Dr. Taher said. "perhaps, but probably not, as high as 9.50 million barrels a day."

At present, oil production is operated under an 8.5 million bpd ceiling imposed by the government as an annual average. According to Dr. Taher, the four Aramco companies are receiving "between 6 and 7 million (bpd)." Petromin's take of the remaining oil production is all accounted for," Dr. Taher said.

Dr. Taher also said that no new government-to-government sales, such as that recently concluded between

Petromin and ENI of Italy, were imminent. This was because of the government-imposed ceiling on Aramco production.

At the beginning of the year, the government replaced the annual ceiling with a higher monthly ceiling of 9.5 million bpd. This operated through the first quarter of this year, but was described as a temporary expedient to make up for lost production from Iran.

"In spite of the fact that first-quarter production was raised, the (8.5 million bpd) ceiling itself was not raised," Dr. Taher said. "Where production is raised only temporarily, we cannot make long-term commitments to other countries."

A number of countries, including South Korea, India and Lesotho, have approached the government and Petromin in recent weeks seeking guaranteed oil supplies,

Carter favors greater EEC reliance on North Sea oil

TOKYO, June 24 (Agencies)

— President Carter would like to see a levelling off in aggregate oil imports by the seven nations taking part in this week's economic summit, U.S. officials said Sunday.

The officials did not refer specifically to a proposal by the Common Market countries that the summit countries agree to a five-year freeze on oil imports.

A levelling off agreement would allow the European Common Market countries to cut imports

from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, they said, and make up the difference with North Sea oil.

The officials did not refer specifically to a proposal by the Common Market countries that the summit countries agree to a five-year freeze on oil imports.

But the American proposal

would permit the U.S. to take more oil from OPEC.

There have been reservations over the European plan because a U.S. import freeze would mean reducing consumption, since U.S. domestic production is declining.

A cut in U.S. consumption would probably mean a cut in economic activity, or recession, as well, the officials said.

U.S. officials travelling with Carter, who arrived in Tokyo Sunday, said some of the measures he might have to consider after the summit could be painful.

Because of the excess of demand for oil over supply, the only remedies the industrial nations had were restraint on demand and bidding for oil.

The officials argued against confronting the oil producing nations or creating an importers' cartel to deal with OPEC.

Brotherhood denies role in Aleppo massacre

KUWAIT, June 24 (AP) — The Kuwait-based "Social reform society" disclaimed any connection Sunday between the Muslim Brotherhood organization and the June 16 Syrian military academy massacre in Aleppo.

The society distributed here the text of a message it had sent to Syrian President Hafez Assad denouncing accusations by Damascus officials of Muslim Brotherhood involvement in the massacre.

"The accusations have been concocted to justify the arrests and persecution of advocates of Islam," the message claimed.

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Ras Tanura ceremony held to commission Saudi-flag gas tanker

By Mary Jo McConahay

RASTANURA, June 24 — The first liquid petroleum gas tanker to fly the Saudi color — the 750,000 cubic meter capacity "Al Berry" — arrived at the terminal here Sunday on her maiden voyage.

The French-built ship is the latest addition to the fleet of tankers owned by the Arab Maritime Petroleum Transport Company, an organization set up by Arab oil producers to develop a fleet of Arab-owned and operated tankers.

On hand to tour the highly automated vessel at the North Pier were Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilwi, Petromin Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher, who is also chairman of the AMPTC, and the ambassadors of Qatar, Algeria and the United Arab Emirates — countries which are shareholders in the AMPTC.

Commissioning the vessel, in Ras Tanura, Dr. Taher, said, was a sign of achievement in the industrialization of the natural

Brazil experts to study coffee cultivation here

JEDDAH, June 24 — The Ministry of Agriculture and Water is to conduct technical studies to determine the possibility of coffee cultivation "Al-Riyad" newspaper reported Sunday.

The survey is to be carried out by Brazilian experts under an agreement reached during the recent visit to Brazil by the minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh. A preliminary survey of different regions has already been conducted.

Meanwhile, the ministry is taking steps to protect cultivated land from building encroachment. The Ministries of Agriculture and Water, Municipal and Rural Affairs and Planning are working together to draw up a zoning code.

Moves are under way to ensure roads and highways are routed away from farm land and forests, the paper said.

resources of Saudi Arabia, a sign of the effort, money and persistence that went to master the gas program", which is being installed to process associated gas in the eastern province for export and for the country's heavy industrial projects.

The Al Berry is the AMPTC's first LPG tanker. Dr. Taher told "Arab News" that a second LPG tanker would be ready in November and fly the flag of Kuwait.

The cost of building a tanker like the Al Berry is about \$ 60 million.

"If we succeed" in the LPG venture, more will be ordered, Dr. Taher said.

After taking on coolants, the 227-meter long vessel will go to anchor to allow her tanks to cool and to test her gas equipment. This is a required procedure for all liquid gas tankers when they go into service.

According to the captain, Roy Tullock, the Al Berry will return on Thursday or Friday to the North Pier to load 245,000 barrels of propane and 270,000 barrels of butane for delivery to Japan.

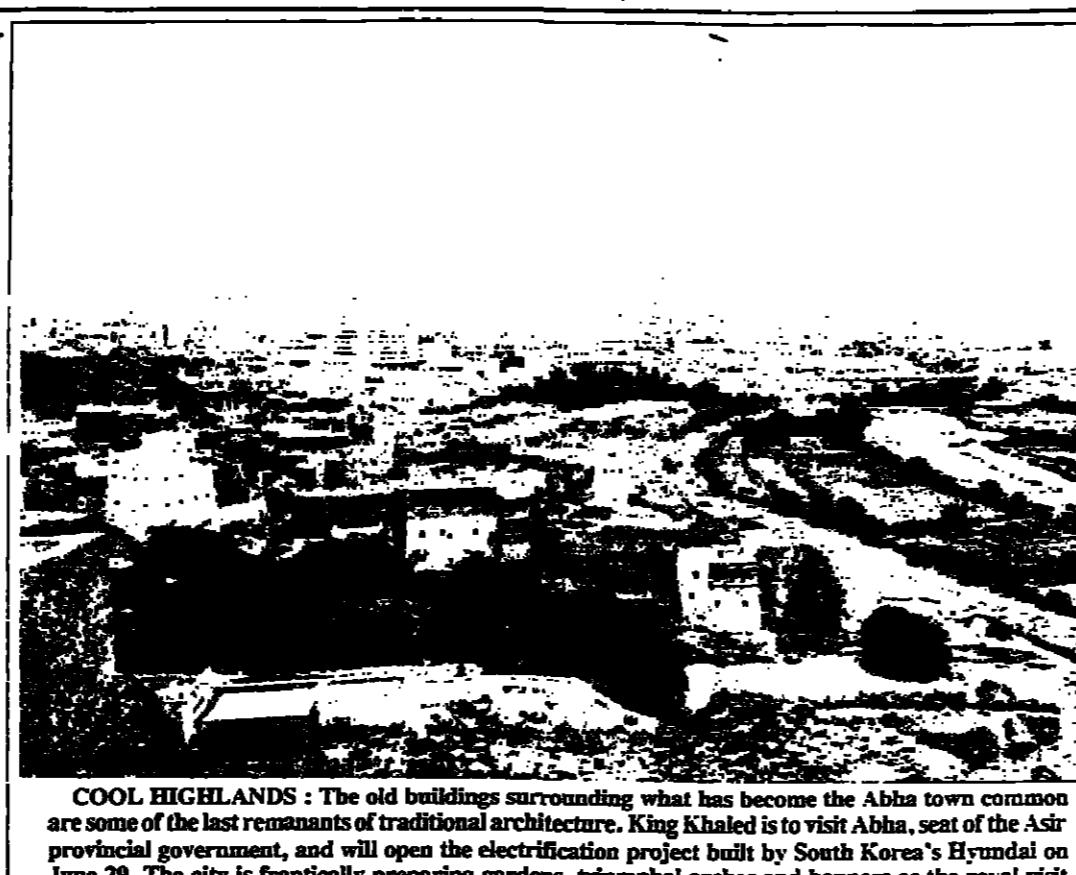
Petromin has chartered the Al Berry to the Trammo Gas Company, a New York Company registered in the Bahamas, for one year.

New hospitals to provide 3,000 beds by next year

JEDDAH, June 24 — Five new public hospitals due to be completed this summer and hospitals in Tabuk, Hail and Najran to be opened next year will add nearly 3,000 beds to the public health system, Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi said Sunday.

The five 500-bed hospitals due to open next month are in Jizan, Jeddah, Medina, Hofuf and Al-Khobar.

The Riyadh Central Hospital has been completed and several



COOL HIGHLANDS : The old buildings surrounding what has become the Abha town common are some of the last remnants of traditional architecture. King Khaled is to visit Abha, seat of the Asir provincial government, and will open the electrification project built by South Korea's Hyundai on June 29. The city is frantically preparing gardens, triumphal arches and banners as the royal visit draws near.

For Islamicizing laws

Kingdom offers legal aid to Malaysia

JEDDAH, June 24 — Saudi Arabia is willing to help the Malaysian government draft Islamic legislation, according to the president of Jeddah's High Court, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Issa.

Issa told a visiting delegation of Malaysian jurists and officials that the Kingdom was prepared to cooperate in framing laws on the Saudi model. "The application of Islamic law in the Kingdom has reduced crime and enabled the

country to take a prominent role among nations," issa said Saturday.

The Malaysian delegation arrived earlier Saturday. It is headed by Datuk Al-Hajj Musalam ibn Othman, a member of Malaysia's Islamic Legislative Council and is visiting Saudi Arabia at the invitation of Justice Minister Sheikh Ibrahim ibn Muhammad Al-Sheikh.

During the meeting, Issa briefed the Malaysian group on the application of Islamic law in Saudi Arabia and on the powers of

the courts here.

Datuk Othman expressed admiration for the Kingdom's pioneering role in Islamic legislation and said Malaysia "is keen to take advantage of the Saudi experience in applying Islamic law."

He also referred to the Saudi government's considerable assistance to Muslims in Malaysia, chiefly in school and mosque construction. The Malaysian group is likely to hold further talks with Saudi officials on cooperation in matters relating to Islamic education and religious endowments.

Saudi Arabia is already involved in Islamic legislation in Sudan and in Pakistan, where a

royal adviser, Sheikh Khaled Al-Dawalibi, helped draft measures for an Islamic appeal court and Islamic taxes introduced by president Zia ul-Haq earlier this year.

Indonesian ulema due

Indonesia's Minister of Religious Affairs, Gen. Alim Shah is due

to arrive here Monday at the head

of a group of Indonesian ulema.

During the visit, Gen. Shah will

hold talks with Minister of Pilgrimage and endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasi on

arrangements for Indonesian pil-

grims and legal matters.

Addressing reporters, Presi-

dent Lule said that he was

here at the invitation of King

Khaled and hoped that his visit

will further cement relations

between the two countries.

Gulf educators continue talks

RIYADH, June 24 (SPA) — The Gulf Arab Council for Higher

Education resumed meetings here Sunday, under Dr. Mahmoud

Safar, deputy minister of higher education, to discuss a working

paper on the establishment of a Gulf university in Bahrain. The

meeting is being attended by delegates from Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain,

Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

Solaim calls for standards

RIYADH, June 24 (SPA) — The first regional conference on

standards and specifications in the Gulf states opened here Sunday,

with an appeal by the Saudi Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A.

Solaim to cooperation to overcome technical obstacles by standardiza-

tion of local manufactured goods. Dr. Solaim also called for a Gulf

standards documentation center where information on world stan-

dards could be pooled and drawn upon by individual states.

Mauritania president arrives on visit

TAIF, June 24 (SPA) — Mauritanian President Muhammad Mahmoud Ould Lule arrived here on an official visit Sunday.

He was received by King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Bandar ibn Abdul Aziz, Interior Minister Prince Naif and Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen, deputy governor of Mecca.

After reviewing a guard of honor, President Lule and King Khaled drove to the guest palace.

President Lule is also Chairman of the Military Committee for National Salva-

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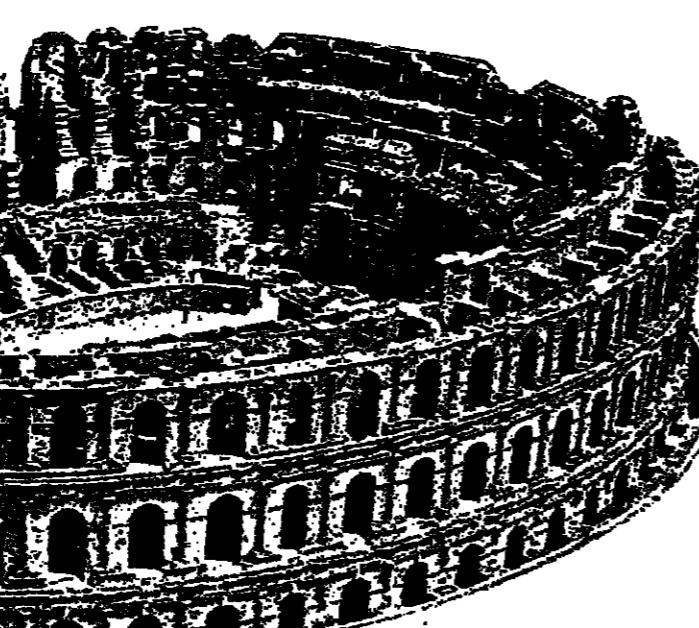
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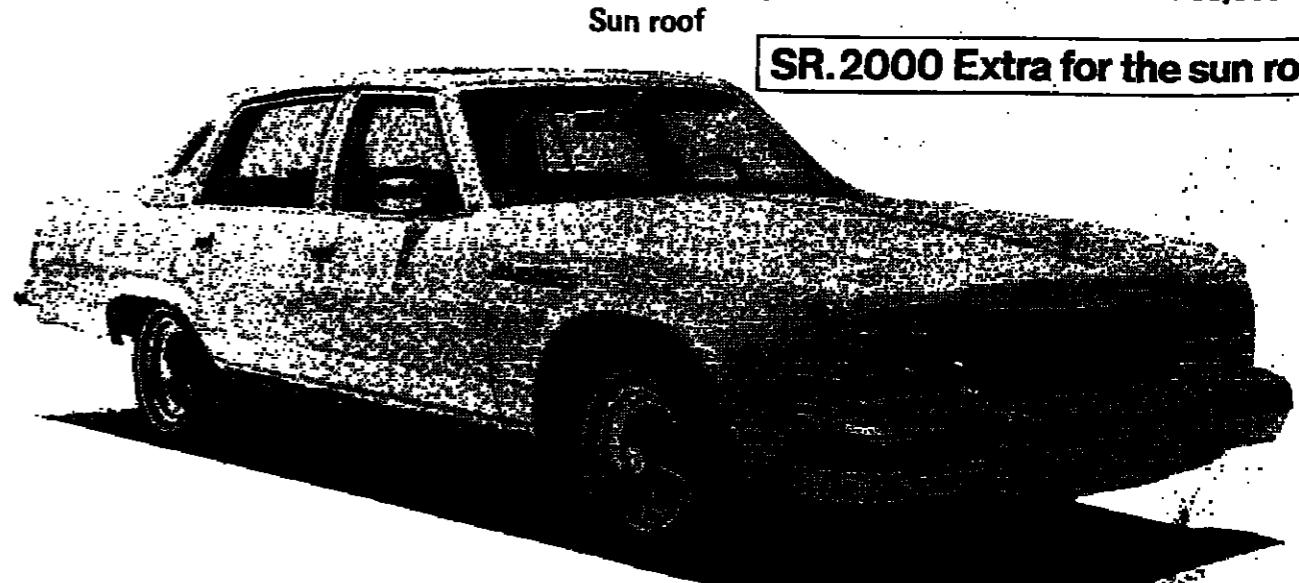
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Rebels stage Kabul march to protest Taraki's regime

RAWALPINDI, June 24 (R) — Afghanistan's pro-Communist regime crushed an armed demonstration Saturday and Kabul Radio said the government was in firm control after gunbattles in the capital.

Trouble flared Saturday morning when opponents of President Nur Taraki's Soviet-backed administration staged an armed procession and opened fire after

police intervened.

It was the first public demonstration in Kabul since Muslim tribesmen began their resistance movement last year against 62-year-old President Taraki, who seized power in a bloody coup 14 months ago.

Kabul Radio, calling the demonstrators mercenaries of the "Iranian fanatics," branded them as "traitors of the motherland."

Stalled Cyprus talks await U.N. mediation

NICOSIA, June 24 (R) — Leaders of the two communities on divided Cyprus hope U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim can come up with a formula which will make possible a speedy resumption of their stalled negotiations.

The talks were adjourned on Friday after only four sessions with both the Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots admitting no progress had been made toward solving the problems which have split the island for almost five years.

Sources in both communities close to the U.N.-sponsored negotiations said there was a wide gap to be bridged on some basic issues before the discussions could resume.

It was now up to Waldheim to see whether he could produce an acceptable compromise.

Before he left Cyprus Sunday Javier Perez de Cuellar, the U.N. special envoy who chaired the talks, said he did not agree with reports that the negotiations had broken down or were deadlocked.

"It is not an indefinite postponement. Just a short recess."

The main area of disagreement comes in the interpretation of the guidelines which, together with relevant United Nations resolutions, form the basis for the talks.

The guidelines were agreed by the late Archbishop Makarios and Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş at a summit meeting in February, 1977.

The Turkish Cypriots claim the late Archbishopos agreed at

that meeting that Cyprus should become a bizonal federation, and they have been insisting on this concept ever since.

They agree the word "bizonal" was left out of the official text of the guidelines, but say Waldheim was a witness to the acceptance of it and it is included in the unpublished minutes of the meeting.

The Cyprus government said at the weekend that the suggestion of a bizonal system had been raised at the Makarios-Denktaş meeting, but had been rejected just as the Turkish Cypriots had rejected a number of Greek Cypriot proposals.

Therefore, what counts was the official text of the guidelines as published.

No U.S. spy plane flights, says Turkey chief of staff

ANKARA, June 24 (AP) — Turkey's chief of staff, General Kenan Evren, said Saturday Turkey could not permit overflights of U.S. reconnaissance planes "in recent present circumstances."

The general did not elaborate. He made the remark during a brief talk with reporters at Istanbul's Yesilkoy Airport upon his return from visits to the United States and Canada. The comment was also broadcast on the state radio.

Evren was asked about the recent rejection by the House of Representatives of a \$ 50 million

The radio gave no details of the fighting or casualties, but said: "These traitors were soon annihilated and arrested by the security forces with the cooperation of the citizens of Kabul."

The trouble makers gathered in a Kabul bazaar and tried to stage a procession by raising "anti-revolution" slogans. They also raised slogans in support of "foreigners."

By "continuous firing" the rebels tried to disturb the peace of the capital, but police and citizens "grabbed them and wiped them out" when they had moved only a few steps.

The incident came after a major uprising two months ago when the government lost control of Kan-dahar, the second biggest town.

Casualties then were reported to have run into hundreds as government tanks fought the rebels in the streets.

With mounting pressure from militant tribesmen in some 16 of the country's 28 provinces, there were reports from Kabul that Taraki had shifted his office to a military base near the capital and the families of some top Afghan officials had been sent to Moscow.

Kabul has been under night curfew ever since the present regime came to power. Troops still guard government offices in the capital.

In a separate development two accused torturers of the deposed Shah's Savak secret police were executed early Sunday at the close of one of the most sensational trials yet.

This brought to 286 the number of executions known to have been carried out by the courts since the February revolution.

The United States has asked for Turkey's permission to fly reconnaissance planes for more effective verification of Soviet compliance with SALT II.

Premier Bulent Ecevit has asked for an "understanding" between Washington and Moscow before agreeing.



Ayatollah Khomeini
Khomeini
sends note
to Brezhnev

OAU panel urges Sahara ceasefire

KHARTOUM, June 24 (R) — A committee of five African heads of state called Saturday night for an immediate ceasefire in the Western Sahara dispute and said it had adopted recommendations on self-determination for people of the disputed region.

The committee, speaking for the presidents of Sudan, Nigeria, Mali, Tanzania and Guinea, said in a communiqué it would pass its recommendations to the Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit in Liberia next month.

The conflict deepened recently with Morocco threatening to send its troops into Algeria in pursuit of Polisario raiders.

And last week Morocco com-

plained to the United Nations Security Council of alleged Algerian attacks on its territory.

The communiqué said the committee, meeting in private,

discussed a report and recom-

mendations made by Presidents Obasanjo and Traore following

their recent mission to Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania.

The communiqué, issued after a one-day meeting, gave no details of the African leaders' decisions on how to end the three-year-old desert war.

Ayatollah Khomeini Saturday sent his first message of greetings to President Brezhnev, Iran Radio said.

Khomeini was replying to a message from Brezhnev.

The Ayatollah said he hoped the Islamic republic proclaimed in Iran would contribute to world peace and the solidarity of nations.

Iran shares a 2,500 kilometer border with its Soviet northern neighbor.

Foreign Minister Ibrahim Yazdi recently indicated that Iran might revoke the 1921 treaty which gives the Soviet Union the right of military intervention in Iran in certain, limited circumstances.

Khomeini, who has adopted an increasingly anti-communist stand in his public statements in the last few weeks, told the Soviet ambassador in Tehran recently that Iran would not tolerate Soviet intervention in this country's internal affairs.

In a separate development two accused torturers of the deposed Shah's Savak secret police were executed early Sunday at the close of one of the most sensational trials yet.

This brought to 286 the number of executions known to have been carried out by the courts since the February revolution.

State radio said Bahman Naderipour, a 34-year-old senior Savak agent, and Fereidun Tavangar, a 25-year-old reputed

to have been one of Savak's most feared torturers, were executed after nine hours of deliberation by judges.

15,000 Indian refugees in Dacca

DACCA, June 24 (AP) — Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman told parliament Sunday that 15,000 Indian refugees had crossed into Bangladesh after riots in India's West Bengal state. Reports from the border area early Sunday put the figure at 20,000. The prime minister interrupted a speech in parliament by the land reforms minister to say that his government had communicated its "grave concern" to India asking for emergency steps to stop the communal riots and arrange an early return of the refugees.

Hussein sends letter to Zayed

ABU DHABI, June 24 (R) — Jordanian Royal Court Minister Amer Khammash arrived here Sunday to deliver a message from King Hussein to United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed. The official Emirates News Agency said the message dealt with Arab developments and bilateral relations.

Qatar ruler gets Carter's note

DOHA, June 24 (R) — The Ruler of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Ben Hamad Al Thani Sunday received a message from President Carter on energy issues and matters relating to the Tokyo economic summit due to open on June 28.

Aden premier leaves for Moscow

ADEN, June 24 (R) — South Yemeni Premier Ali Nasser Muhammed left for Moscow Sunday heading an official delegation for talks on bilateral relations.

Dayan undergoes surgery

TEL AVIV, June 24 (AP) — Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan was in good condition Sunday after undergoing surgery for the removal of a cyst-like growth from his intestinal tract. Dayan, 64, was admitted to Tel Aviv's Tel Hashomer Hospital Saturday evening after tests showed he was suffering from a polyp in his intestinal tract, requiring what was called minor surgery.

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Malaysia allows 2,500 refugees to stay on land

KUALA LUMPUR, June 24 (Agencies) — More than 2,500 Vietnamese refugees determined to remain in Malaysia before resettlement in Western countries have been given a reprieve.

But the Malaysian authorities continued in their efforts to turn back to sea all new refugee boats attempting to land.

The reprieved refugees included over 500 "boat people" who vowed to fight to the death on the beach at Kuantan rather than be put out to sea and 2,000 crowded inside beach enclosures on Tioman Island.

Officials said Sunday the government had told the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees representative to make arrangements to remove them to the nearest camps along the east coast within the next few days.

More than 10,000 similar refugees, regarded by Malaysia as illegal immigrants, would be expelled as soon as boats become available, but other estimates put the total at between 13,000 and 15,000.

Security forces Saturday intercepted two small boats carrying 100 refugees, including women and children, off the coast of Trengganu state and towed them back to sea.

More than 2,000 "boat people" heading for the east coast in small boats have been pushed to sea since Prime Minister Datuk Hus-

sein Onn announced on Monday that Malaysia would take tough action to keep out any more refugees.

Western officials considered that Malaysia's action in allowing 2,500 refugees to enter camps was a breakthrough which might lead to easing the measures.

In Kuala Trengganu Sunday, two wooden boats with about 500 Vietnamese refugees aboard were anchored alongside a Malaysian navy frigate. One was listing badly, and the refugees were uncertain whether they would be pushed out to sea.

"We have been through three pirate attacks and do not want to go back into the sea," said one of the refugees who spoke in English. "We do not know what they want to do with us. We don't know what is our destination. We have no more food and water and we want to land in Malaysia. We don't want to go back to sea."

The man said the two boats, numbered 4011 and 5416, left Ho Chi Minh City with Vietnamese permission on June 18.

Officials were waiting for orders on what to do with the refugees.

In Kuala Lumpur, local news reports and government sources said a number of refugees suspected of having bubonic plague had been admitted to the Johore Bahru government hospital, but Health minister Chong Hon Nyan denied the reports.

Violence in Virginia

Crime wave hits U.S. bus

RICHMOND, Virginia June 24 (AP) — A passenger on a bus stabbed the driver to death on Interstate 95 near here Saturday, then was killed himself when he stepped from the bus and struck by a hit and run driver.

The driver, identified by police as 46-year-old Jesse Bennett Pridgen, managed to pull the bus into the right lane and stop before he died.

The identity of the hijacker was being withheld until relatives could be notified.

Police said witnesses told them the passenger had been talking to himself and harassing the driver most of the way after boarding in Raleigh, North Carolina. The driver had ordered the man to "straighten up" or be put off the bus.

The man began scuffling with the driver and lunged at him several times with a pocketknife.

Police were searching for the car.



BLACK MARKET: An ethnic Chinese refugee from Vietnam sits by his stall, in Kuala Trengganu, where he is part of the flourishing black market in Malaysian camps.

On terror charges

Astrid Proll extradited

LONDON, June 24 (AP) — Astrid Proll, the alleged West German terrorist, was extradited from Britain under heavy guard Saturday night.

Police said Sunday she boarded a Lufthansa jet at Heathrow Airport and flew to Frankfurt. Police officers from Scotland Yard handed her over to West German detectives.

An alleged former member of the Baader-Meinhof Gang, she is expected to stand trial in Frankfurt on attempted murder and bank robbery charges.

Miss Proll, 31, was arrested last November in north London where she had been living four years under a false name and teaching car mechanics. In 1975, under her false name, she had married Englishman Robin Puttick and became Mrs. Anna Puttick.

She decided last Tuesday to abandon her High Court appeal against extradition, saying that she

was no longer a member of the Baader-Meinhof Gang.

"I have not had contact with extreme political groups since my release in 1974. It is now up to the authorities to offer solutions to me other than revenge and punishment," she said.

321 Russians reportedly persecuted since Helsinki

LONDON, June 24 (AP) — Amnesty International said Sunday it knows of 321 Soviet dissidents punished for exercising their civil rights since the Soviet Union signed the Helsinki agreement in 1975.

The release of its statistics coincides roughly with the first anniversary of trials of Soviet activists who tried to monitor Soviet compliance with the Helsinki pact.

Russians who set up monitoring groups soon found themselves the subject of an intense crackdown by the authorities, culminating with a series of trials in May, July and August of last year.

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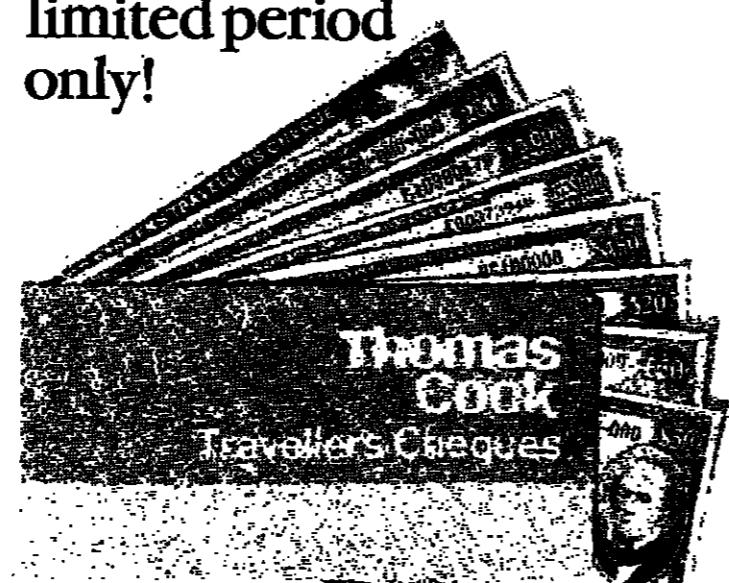
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To prevent loss of control DC-10s lack safety system, paper reports

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP) — DC-10s, unlike other jumbo jets, lack a safety system designed to prevent the kind of control loss that was a factor in the May 25 crash in Chicago, the "Washington Post" said Sunday.

The Federal Aviation Administration, which certified the DC-10 as airworthy in 1971, was apparently persuaded by McDonnell Douglas, manufacturer of the plane, that the DC-10 could be controlled without the system.

Fred Farrar of the FAA said Saturday night he could make no comment on the report.

The system reportedly concerns control surfaces called slats on the wings, huge metal plates on the front edge of a wing that are extended out and down from the wing during takeoff and landing to give the plane added lift at low speeds.

If the slats on one wing remain extended while those on the opposite wing retract, it can cause a plane to roll out of control, which is apparently what happened on the Chicago DC-10. The crash killed 273 people.

Just as the plane was lifting off, the engine and its support pylon under the left wing fell off. In the process, investigators believe, the hydraulic lines that control the slats on the left wing were severed and wind pressure pushed the slats back into the left wing.

On the right wing, the slats remained extended giving that wing a high degree of lift and causing the plane to roll 107 degrees to the left and fall.

States and 33 other nations signed the agreement Aug. 1, 1975, at the end of the Helsinki Conference on European Security and Cooperation. The document pledged the signatory nations to adhere to basic human rights for their citizens.

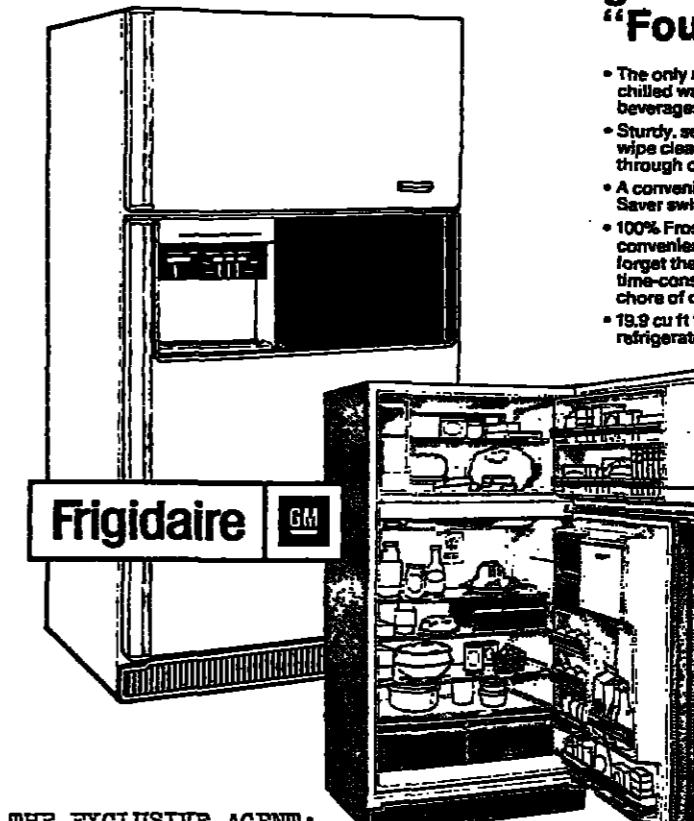
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brakes on the slats to hold them out in the event of a complete hydraulic failure.

During certification, McDonnell Douglas took the position that its DC-10s could still fly with "asymmetrical slats," the newspaper said.

At the time the aviation industry was building the jumbo jets in the 1960s, the FAA first proposed a safety system that would ensure that both sets of slats remained in the same position. But at the suggestion of the industry, the FAA apparently modified that rule.

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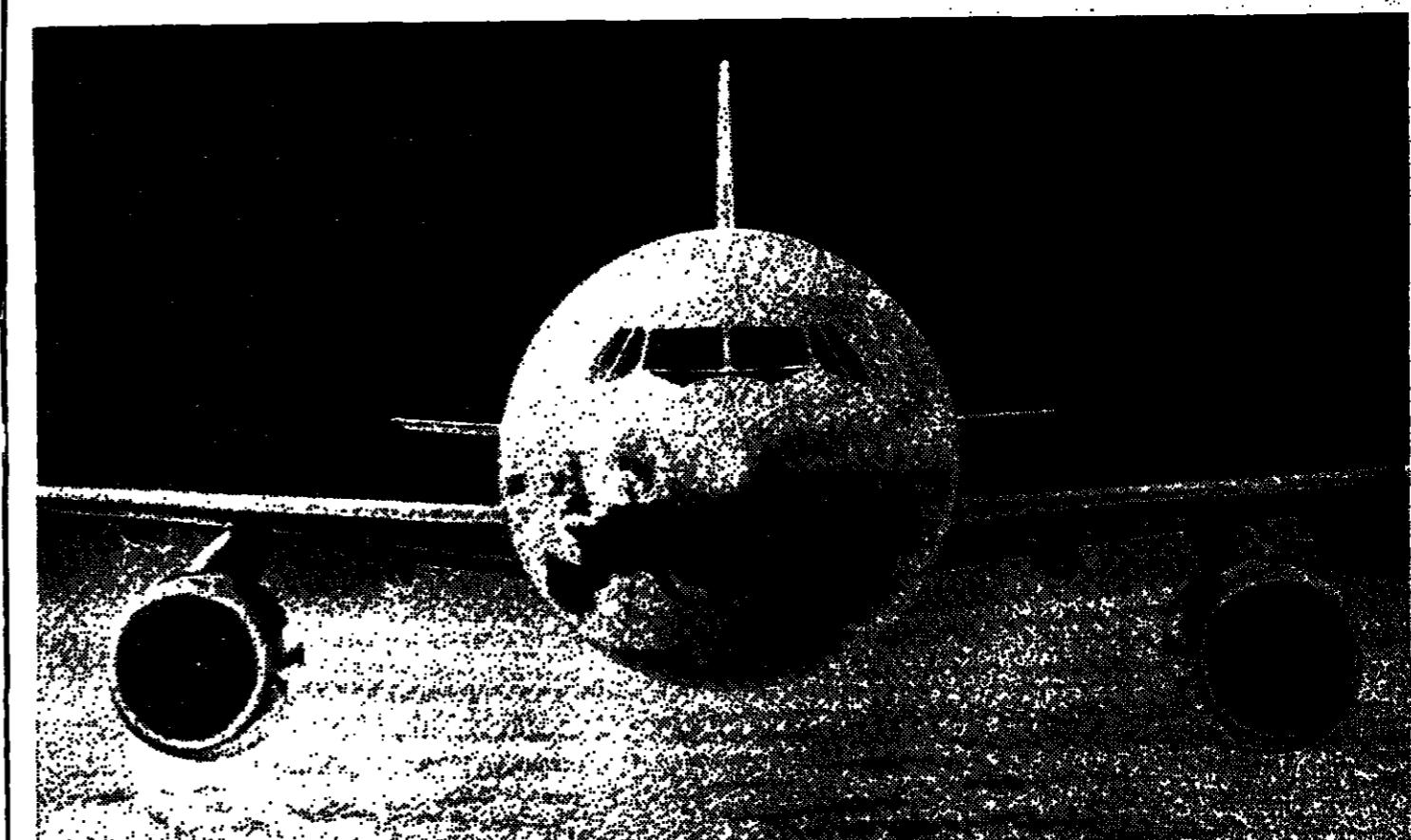
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Power struggles in both parties hit Desai, Indira

NEW DELHI, June 24 (AP) — Factional crises on Saturday gripped India's two major political parties, the ruling Janata Party of Prime Minister Morarji Desai and the opposition Congress Party (I) headed by Indira Gandhi.

In the day's most dramatic development, Raj Narain, the flamboyant political maverick who unseated Mrs. Gandhi in her own parliamentary district in the 1977 election, announced his resignation from Desai's party and bluntly accused the prime minister of authoritarianism.

Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party (I) High Command, meanwhile, prepared to expel from its ranks, Devaraj Urs, one of India's most powerful politicians. Urs, the chief minister of Karnataka two days ago wrote Mrs. Gandhi a scathing letter accusing her of treating him and other party leaders like domestic servants. His expulsion could come Sunday.

Foresigning a Congress Party split, the third since 1969, Urs, Saturday night called on all Congress members and other politicians opposing Mrs. Gandhi to gather for a convention on July 4 at Bangalore, his state capital, "to regroup democratic forces."

His call strengthened predictions that India may be in for a political realignment with mass defections across party lines.

Narain, 62, also spoke of a realignment which "will fight against the growing menace of communalism and authoritarianism."

As a life-long socialist, "I cannot reconcile myself to the growing dominance of capitalists and multinationals... (and) corruption everywhere which has gained momentum under Mr. Desai's leadership."

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Within 22 months

New Uganda chief vows to hold election

KAMPALA, June 24 (AP) — Uganda's new president, Godfrey Binaisa, said Saturday he is committed to democratic elections within the next 22 months.

"Everything being equal, I don't see why we shouldn't go to elections even before the 22 months elapse."

The new government is planning to take a census and appoint a

commissioner of elections.

"You must realize that we are not in power because we have just returned from a general election.

You should not lose sight of the fact that the 12 and a half million people of Uganda have not voted

us into power, and we are here on an arrangement that will last at a maximum for two years."

He identified himself politically as being left of center. "I'm not for

government being in entire control of the means of production,

distribution and exchange, but there is a measure of control which is necessary in Third World countries. But without freedom of

enterprise you'll never have the incentive for people to put their full weight in this business of development."

'Advice and consent'

Byrd to meet Soviets on SALT ratification

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP) —

Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd announced Saturday he will fly to Moscow this week to discuss with Soviet leaders the Senate's role in ratifying SALT II.

It is thought Byrd will explore possible Soviet reaction to amendments the Senate might

attach to the treaty.

Byrd reportedly plans to ask the Soviets about including in the treaty an explicit stipulation of the number of so-called backfire bombers the Soviets can produce each year.

U.S. officials have said privately that President Brezhnev agreed at the negotiating table in Vienna to limit the number of backfire bombers each year to 30. But that limit has not been mentioned in the treaty as published by the Kremlin.

Byrd told a news conference he will leave Thursday for the Soviet Union. He said he will meet Brezhnev and other top Soviet leaders.

"I want them to have a better understanding of the Senate. The Senate does give advice and consent on treaties."

On the eve of the treaty signing earlier this month, Brezhnev warned that Senate amendments to the treaty could endanger the pact and lead to "grave and even dangerous consequences."

Asked about the Soviet leader's warning, Byrd said "I don't think it's helpful for the Soviets to issue statements about dire actions that might follow in the wake of Senate amendments. We're not going to vote for the treaty out of fear."

He will explain to the Soviets that reservations and understand-

ings attached to the resolution of ratification should not be seen as direct amendments to the treaty.

Byrd, who has not yet committed himself, said he is continuing to study the treaty and hopes Senate hearings next month will clear up "many of the problems that appear at the moment."

In touching on the backfire, Byrd will be dealing with a key issue and possibly a major sticking point — in the debate.

Critics claim the plane is capable of carrying out a nuclear strike against the United States and should therefore be included under SALT II's numerical limits on strategic weapons.

The Soviets and many U.S. military experts consider the backfire a tactical weapon that lacks the range to reach the United States.

Dijon grape crop razed by storms

DIJON, June 24 (R) — Freak storms have devastated Burgundy vineyards ruining the region's prospects for 1979.

According to unofficial estimates, some 600 hectares (1,500 acres) of vines were stripped of grapes and leaves and a further 400 hectares (1,000 acres) badly damaged by hail storms in mid-June.

The area worst hit was the Cotes-de-Nuits, home of the Gevrey-Chambertin Vougeot and Vosne-Romanee.

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Relations between Iraq and Iran continue to make headlines with Tehran charging that Baghdad is smuggling weapons and men to instigate a rebellion by Iranian Arabs in Kuzestan province.

So far, Iraq has kept a relatively low profile. Except for a few editorials in the Baghdad press, Iraq has reacted mildly to the Iranian accusations in the hope that the situation will be restored to normal, and in the belief that words at this stage can only compound the problem. But, in what has become a daily ration, Iran has kept up its charges and accusations and has alienated several friends who saw in the February revolution a real chance for Iranians and Arabs to forge a lasting friendship and replace the uneasy "accommodation" that prevailed during the Shah's rule.

There is no doubt that Iran is as keen on friendship with its Arab neighbors as they are, but the incessant accusations and threats are not conducive to the dialogue necessary for this friendship, and the multitude of statements being made by Iranian leaders on territorial issues can hardly help matters. Although such statements are usually denied by the central government as not representative of its policies, they nevertheless revive anxieties in the Arab world.

It is obvious that dialogue and sincere efforts at understanding regional problems are becoming rare virtues, and it is regrettable that they are being replaced by sensationalism and rhetoric as policy instruments. It is no secret that the Gulf region is going through delicate and highly vulnerable stage, with superpowers contemplating strike forces and counter-forces to "safeguard" the area. Regional dissent will only encourage such patronage.

To say that there is full agreement and understanding between countries of the region would be hypocritical at best, but to continue to evade the pending issues will lead to further aggravation.

The conflict between Iran and Iraq, as well as all other outstanding issues, can best be resolved at the negotiating table and not in newspapers and radios. It is time to weigh the outside threats and to rally forces to guard against these threats. To continue with a logic of confrontation will undermine the defenses of all countries in the Gulf region and will invite outside interference to determine fates and policies in the region once again.

Although mediation efforts by countries outside the region are commendable, there is no reason why the Gulf countries themselves cannot address their problems in a direct and open manner. No country in the area is an enemy, although the manner in which the outstanding issues are being tackled suggests that.

Problems between Iraq and Iran, Kuwait and Iran — or any other Gulf countries for that matter — are not beyond solution. But such solutions must be worked out in the conference room, and it is hoped that Gulf countries will substitute logic and rationalism from defiance and threats.

"Saudi Arabia continues its relentless drive to build a modern strategy for the Arab World," according to "Al-Riyad."

"This Saudi diplomatic activity comes at a time of general agreements especially after the SALT summit in Vienna to put the Middle East question on the shelf. The question was intended to be forgotten for many years along with problems of Africa and Latin America now that the superpowers have decided to safeguard their own interests."

"Al-Bilad" said the Saudi government "is sincerely striving to help the world put its house in order through its wise oil pricing and production policy."

The paper quoted official reports which said that "production is linked to the country's policy which aims at world economic well-being."

The paper said that the rest of the world must realize that Saudi Arabia is in fact contributing effectively and in a substantial way to the prosperity of mankind and will continue to do so whether through its production or pricing policy. This is even more important because of the speculative behavior of the oil companies and

Israeli obsession with militarism

By Martin Woollacott

TEL AVIV

The Israeli army is that society's major achievement. From its early days as an ill-equipped and under-trained force to its present incarnation as a huge and sophisticated military machine, it has become the institution which, above all others, has defined the inner character of Israel.

The achievement, Israelis argue, was forced upon them and they go on to claim — it has become a cliché in Israel — that their society is "militarized but not militaristic." That is a nice distinction, but in fact the range of attitudes toward the army, although wide, has this in common, that war is at the center of the national self-image. For instance, talking to Israelis of all classes, one is often surprised to find they have manipulated the conversation so they can tell war stories. Thus an academic will recall the attacks on Latrun in the 1948 war — and even go to his study to produce the remnant of the mortar bomb that almost killed him. Or a man will casually mention that he dropped at Mitla and "got the red backing to my paratroop wings" (sign of a combat drop.)

Or a taxi driver will embark on a long account of how, driving a truck up the Golan under heavy fire, he crashed into a ravine and broke his pelvis. One might almost say that such Israelis were boasting but what they really seem to be doing is defining their value — as they would to fellow Israelis — in terms of their contribution on the battlefield. The army is with Israeli men after all, from their teens until their fifties. In the schools, sixth form boys talk endlessly about which units they will be trying for, and there is intense competition for the more elite outfits. At the Kelet, the big recruit reception depot near Tel Aviv, there is literally a market place for military manpower, with officers of the various arms setting up stalls as a process of mutual choice and selection goes on. Signs and slogans — "the brave to the paratroops," "the best boys for pilot training" — appeal to youthful machismo.

From Israeli writing and thinking about armies and war, there is an almost complete absence of approaches common in other countries: there is no schweik or gunner asch, there is no rejection of war. Except in the shallower senses, there is no praise of the more stolid military virtues. The men who set the pace in the Israeli military establishment are what the Americans call "gung ho" to a man.

Israeli attitudes to war run through a spectrum at one end of which is a rather cheap satisfaction with easy victories and at the other, a doom-ridden obsession with struggle and conflict. The first is well represented by the young Ezer Weizman, now minister of defense. After the ceasefire in 1948, he wrote in his autobiography: "I'd had a fruitless day. I hadn't shot down anything — Egyptian, Syrian, or British. Here I was, excluded from the festivity." So he joined the "festivity" by leading his patrol in an attack on unsuspecting British Spitfires along the international boundary. Two British pilots were killed, continues the exuberant Weizman, and when he and his squadron mates got to the bars of Tel Aviv, "the story of how we shafted the RAF had already made the rounds."

The bleak tunnel vision of endless wars is shared by many Israelis of the military and political elite, in spite of the peace agreement with Egypt. Professor Mordechai Abit, an academic with military and strategic interests, shakes his head when asked whether there will be another war.

"I hope not . . ." he says, "but I'm an old suspicious man who's been here a long time and knows the troubles and difficulties of living with the Arabs. . . All my generation are infected with fatalism and distrust of our neighbors. I always look at the darkest side, perhaps, but there are those who wish to see a real peace so much that they allow it to cloud their judgement."

Israelis are drawn to peace — who wants to die? — but they are also drawn to a romanticization of the vision of war without end.

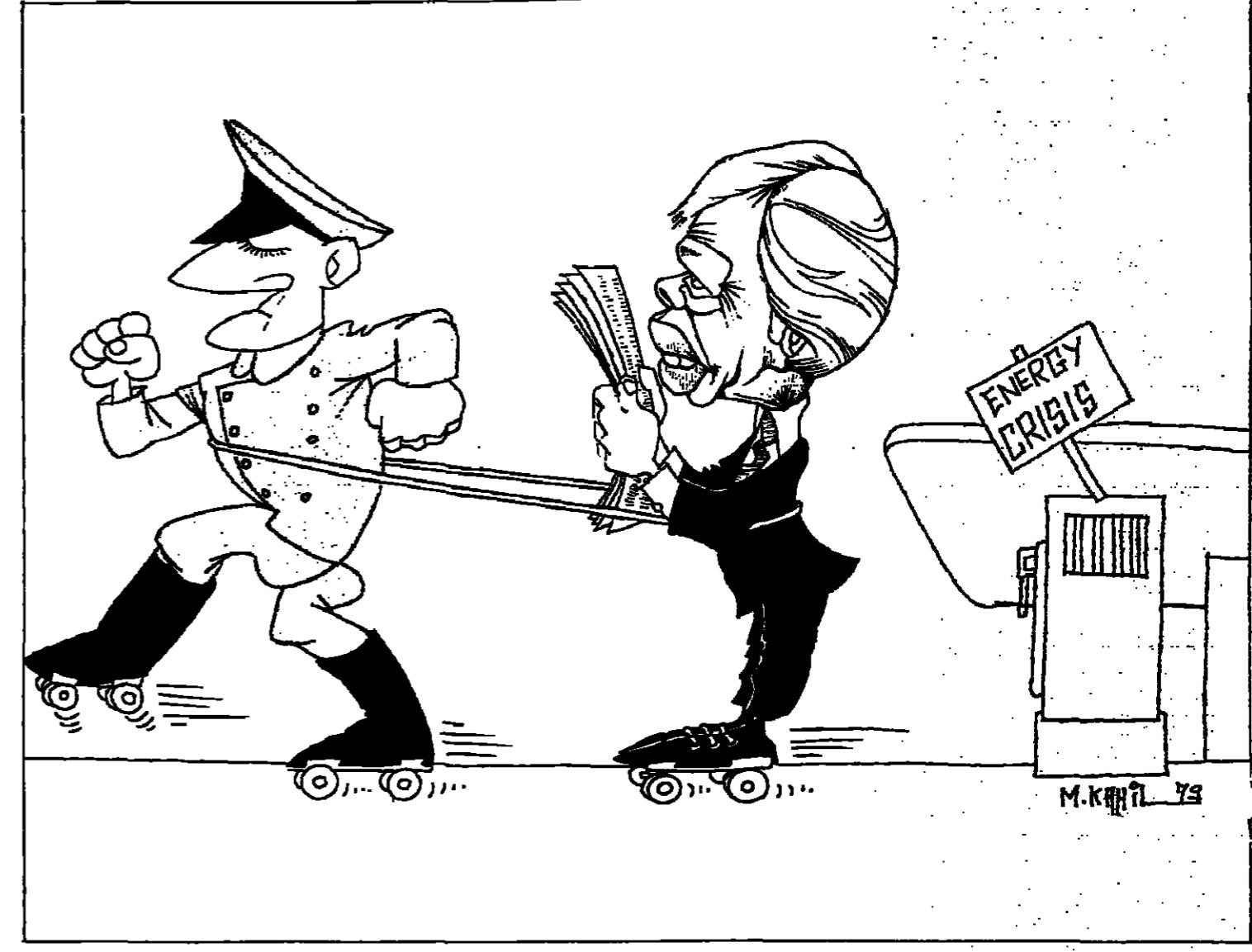
That has been articulated best by Moshe Dayan, who in 1971, said: "Death in combat is not the end of the fight, but its peak, and since combat is a part and at times the sum total of life, death, which is the peak of combat, is not the destruction of life but its fullest, most powerful expression." Earlier he had suggested that the only answer to the question of "what will be?" was: "We shall continue to struggle."

If this is not militarism — of a mystical and tragic kind, admittedly — what is? War and the army, in small ways and large ways, have thus shaped Israel's character, affecting status, politics, the family, the schools, the relationship between the sexes, and each man's evaluation of himself. It is against this psychological background that Israeli planning for war and peace in the next few years must be examined. The question is whether — if there is a real road to peace — Israel is psychologically capable of taking it.

But, apart from the psychological climate, it is a fact that the chance of war are also increased by an Israeli strategy that is based on the concept of successive knock-out blows. And the withdrawal from Sinai has inevitably forced the Israeli military back to the concept of the pre-emptive strike.

In the confines of reduced Israeli territory will soon be squeezed an immense military organization — almost as big as the British army even before mobilization of reserves. Having absorbed the lessons of the 1973 war, it is now ready for combat on the eastern front. Total ground manpower has been pushed up to 375,000, the tank park to 3,000, and the air force close to 600 combat aircraft. A fully mechanized infantry would now partner the tanks in battle, supported by self-propelled artillery, thus minimizing missile losses. In the air, the same problem has been solved by equipping the aircraft with ECM to confuse missiles, and stand-off weapons with which they can hit targets out of range.

The shape of another war can already be guessed at, with the first Israeli priority the destruction of the missile "base," the strip of territory holding launchers, and the second envelopment battles that would involve deep advances through south Lebanon and northern Jordan. That is why Gen. Rafael Eytan, the chief of staff, insists that the Golan is militarily even more important than the Jordan heights above the Jordan Valley. It would be the pivot of such a strategy. — (G)



The Conservatives and the Middle East

By Nigel Harvey
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LONDON —

Britain's new Conservative government sees a more active role in the Middle East for itself and the European Community. And while encouraging the peace process it is taking a harder line on Israeli expansionism and is accepting its commitment to a liberated Jerusalem under U.N. resolution 242.

"That is certainly an important element in the discussions and we support 242 which covers it. British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Douglas Hurd told "Arab News."

Hurd is responsible for his ministry's Middle East section and will be the architect of the new government's policy.

"We believe that if Europe can increasingly speak with one voice then our influence is greater," said Hurd pointing to last week's EEC foreign ministers' "quite strong" resolutions criticizing Israeli settlements policy on the West Bank and involvement in south Lebanon. Britain, he said, considered these "wrong" and "unhelpful."

He said the Camp David achievement "although imperfect, is worth preserving and should not be destroyed. We want to encourage the autonomy talks. Because we believe that if there were to be, and it's a big if, genuine autonomy for the Palestinians on the West Bank, then that would be another important step forward."

"Don't let's spit on the only thing which is actually happening," he added. "Increased flexibility" after Camp David, he said, "should be used to obtain an eventual settlement against the alternative of another 'no winners' war."

"We understand the criticisms of President Sadat," he said, "and would be worried if we thought there was a permanent gape open there. So we will do what we can alone, but also with our fellow Europeans, to play a useful part in widening out, and in improving, these discussions."

"We will work closely with our Arab friends particularly traditional friends like the Saudi government in the hope that we can play a useful, perhaps more prominent, part than we have been able to." Initially, at least, this activity will be purely diplomatic, said Hurd.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government has quickly established contact with Middle Eastern leaders.

Since their overwhelming election victory visitors have already included Prince Salman, governor of Riyadh, Prime Minister Menahem Begin of Israel, King Hussein of Jordan and Vice President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.

Britain's Conservatives have traditionally been considered more understanding to the Arabs than their Labor rivals, who had Labor movement connections with Israel. Though there has been no head on policy clash and consequently no "sudden turn of policy when the Conservatives take over," said Hurd, the party has "a considerable body of experience" through various members' personal relationships with the Middle East.

Not least among these is the Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington, himself. He made an extensive tour of the Middle East which included a meeting with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. His spokesman in the House of Commons, Sir Ian Gilmore, was a founder member of the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding.

Like most of his cabinet colleagues, Hurd, 49, was educated at Eton and Oxbridge before joining the Foreign Office, with which he served in Peking, the U.N. and Rome. He was

prime minister Ted Heath's private secretary in the last Tory government and opposition spokesman on Europe for Mrs. Thatcher.

The Conservatives are undoubtedly more European-oriented than their predecessors but it remains to be seen how far this will draw them from Britain's traditionally conservative and pro-American role in the EEC on Middle East questions.

After last week's EEC resolution, the next step could be official recognition of the PLO which is favored by many of the foreign ministers. Hurd said: "We are considering our own attitudes but there is a difficulty insofar as there's been no clear statement from the PLO about the existence of Israel."

But he refused to be drawn on a trade off between recognition of the PLO for their recognition of Security Council Resolution 242 which acknowledges Israel's right to exist.

However, he stipulated a Palestinian "land" and negotiations involvement as necessary for a settlement. "We use the word land, just as the French use the word patrie, because it is in a way rather neutral. It conveys the feeling that there are people who have rights over land, over water and over their own political future which have to be respected." He felt the details should be left to the debating process between those involved.

Britain's Middle East policy, said Hurd, is based on three cards of entry: past connections, a good relationship with the U.S. and the "new element" of growing European cooperation. The last two may with time conflict as Europe establishes policies of its own. The unprecedented statements on Israel are running besides conflict on the EEC commission's refusal to move offices from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem under threat of losing diplomatic privileges.

Pointing to the "stuck" Euro-Arab dialogue and difficulties within the "adolescent" European political institution of gaining agreement Hurd feels strong unity is distant.

"If the situation changed, and the present talks were coming to nothing then we in Europe would have to think again very carefully from the beginning what our role should be and whether we could take some further initiative," he said.

"But obviously that is something we would want to discuss with the Saudi government and all friendly governments before we do it."

Hurd stressed the importance of close contact with Saudi Arabia on oil and world economic issues as well as the general Middle East situation and the consequences of the Iranian revolution. "Our doors are open," he said hoping for further two-way visits.

Apart from this broader bilateral dialogue — and Hurd excluded a European context as yet — which started with Prince Salman's visit, there is a continual discussion on the future of the Arab Industries Organization disbanded after the Egypt-Israel peace treaty. The British military industry was to be deeply involved with Egyptian-based factories for helicopters and missiles. "It's in difficulty, but we don't despair of finding an answer which is reasonably satisfactory," said Hurd.

Gulf security, said Hurd was no longer a British concern though close friendships were retained. He said there was no vacuum and the security of the Gulf and its governments depended on their own policies. "The Shah was not after all overthrown by outside armies," he added. But he said that Oman, which has around 600 British officers some on secondment, was a "special case."

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develop bilateral relations."

Discussing Europe's role in finding a solution for the Middle East problem, "Okaz" said that Europe and the United Nations "can do a great deal in this direction away from the two superpowers which are only concerned about their own problems."

"It was gratifying," the paper said, "to watch the transformation of European attitude in the last few years from almost absolute support for Israel to a more realistic and even-handed policy."

The paper said the European effort in this direction is likely to bear fruit in conjunction with the United Nations and provided that the Arabs remain united and shed their differences which weaken their resolve.

"Israel must face with a strong international public opinion that would make it realize that its policy and behavior are threatening international peace and security."

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"Saudi Arabia has often warned those who prefer to work and conspire in the dark as well as those who love to play with fire. Some, particularly in Western Europe, have responded favorably. This is an encouraging trend," the paper said.

"Al-Bilad" said the Saudi government "is sincerely striving to help the world put its house in order through its wise oil pricing and production policy."

The paper quoted official reports which said that "production is linked to the country's policy which aims at world economic well-being."

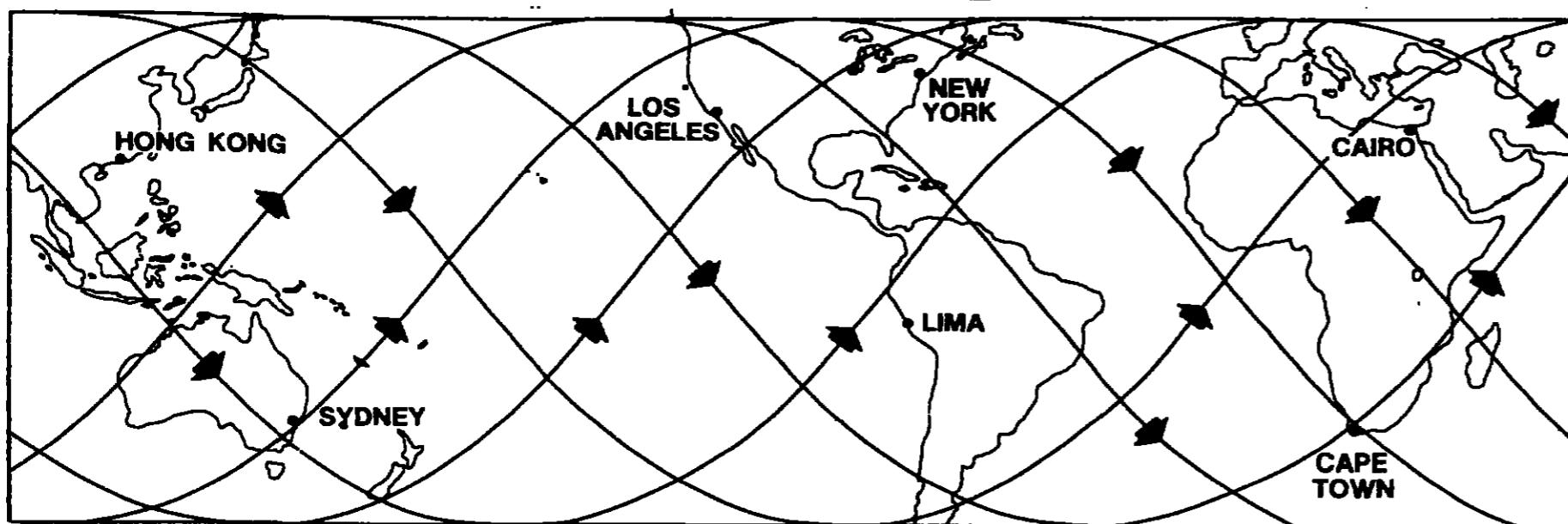
The paper said that the rest of the world must realize that Saudi Arabia is in fact contributing effectively and in a substantial way to the prosperity of mankind and will continue to do so whether through its production or pricing policy."

"Together with the recent Common Market declaration, Schmidt's warnings mean that Israel will find itself in grave trouble if it does not heed the voice of reason and abide by international law."

"We are confident," the paper said, "that the visit will further

Kingdom lies within Skylab's 'footprint' path

Will more American space debris shower on Saudi Arabia?



Skylab's "footprint" path: NASA admits it has virtually no control over the space station's re-entry

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Some time next month — experts now say about July 15 — America's Skylab space station will drop out of orbit and come crashing to Earth.

As it falls through the atmosphere, the 79-ton vehicle will break up into hundreds of pieces, some tiny, and some weighing as much as two tons. Many of the fragments will burn up in the atmosphere. Others, including the heavier chunks, will plummet through the atmosphere and hit the Earth's surface over a vast area of "footprint" some 7,000 kilometers long and 170 kilometers wide. Saudi Arabia is within the footprint and has already been the victim of falling litter from

America's space program. The larger pieces of Skylab — including a lead film-vault that weighs some 4,000 pounds — could strike the Earth at a speed of 2,500 kilometers an hour, leaving a crater 1.25 kilometers across.

As "The New York Times" put it in a recent article, Skylab's re-entry "promises to be the most spectacular and the most dangerous in the 22 years since the first space satellite was placed into orbit."

The question people around the world are asking now is, "Where will Skylab hit?" America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) says it doesn't know. NASA admits it has virtually no control over the space station's re-entry, and there is no guarantee Skylab won't come down over a heavily populated

area — say New York City or Paris or Cairo.

It is NASA's hope that the debris from Skylab will crash into the sea. There is a 75 per cent chance of this happening, since three-quarters of the Earth's surface is covered by ocean.

But any land masses between 50 degrees North latitude and 50 degrees South are fair game for the Skylab "footprint" — including all the countries of the Middle East.

Although NASA says the chances of anyone being injured or killed by falling Skylab debris are one in 150, the Carter Administration is concerned enough about the potential for catastrophe that it has ordered NASA, the Pentagon and the State Department to assemble emergency teams of medical,

technical and legal specialists — to be dispatched anywhere in the world in the event Skylab hits a populated area.

If Skylab comes down over the Middle East, it would not be the first time the region fell victim to space debris.

According to the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) — which keeps a constant watch on all orbiting objects, from lost astronauts' gloves to Russian spy satellites — a space fragment crashed in Saudi Arabia in September 1967.

U.S. authorities identified the fragment — a spherical pressure vessel about 0.6 meters across — as part of a Delta rocket booster used to launch an Explorer satellite in July of that year.

There were no injuries or deaths from the crash.

Other pieces of space debris may have fallen in the Middle East over the past 22 years, but the sphere that crashed in Saudi Arabia is the only object that has been confirmed by U.S. experts.

NASA is unable to predict at this point where Skylab is likely to come plummeting down to Earth. But since the space station does not pass over land masses north of about 50 degrees N. latitude, certain areas can be presumed safe — Britain, for example; parts of Northern Europe; and most of the Soviet Union.

In a last-ditch attempt to prevent Skylab from crashing in populated areas — such as the United States, Southern Europe or the Middle East — NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California will try to maneuver the spacecraft by

remote-control radio signals shortly before it enters the atmosphere.

"If we see that Skylab is going to fall along a track that would take it over heavily populated areas, we would try to delay re-entry for two or three revolutions so that the re-entry track would be over less populous areas," NASA said.

Re-entry could be delayed up to four hours by reorienting the space station to reduce its drag in the upper atmosphere. But NASA admits it does not know whether the small thruster rockets on Skylab have enough fuel to accomplish the maneuver.

The space agency is also worried about the possibility that Skylab might "skip" or bounce off the upper atmosphere as it re-enters — much as a flat stone skips across a pond when it is hurled over the water.

If Skylab "skips" on its way in, trackers at NORAD may not be able to work out its re-entry point quickly enough to give warning to inhabitants of the "footprint".

NORAD will soon begin providing NASA with daily predictions of Skylab's likely re-entry point. In the last days before re-entry, NORAD will update its predictions four times a day. The final prediction should come two hours before the space station comes down — assuming it does not "skip".

NASA experts believe that some 20 to 25 tons of the 79-ton spacecraft will survive the atmosphere and strike the Earth. This tonnage will be in the form of 400 to 500 individual fragments, ranging in size from about a pound to perhaps several tons.

The largest fragments to hit the Earth will be a 5,000-pound titanium airlock shroud and the 4,000-pound lead vault used for film storage.



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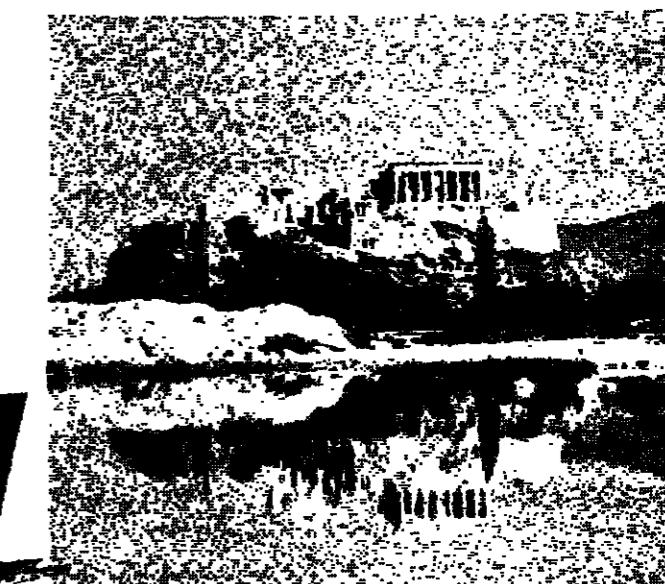
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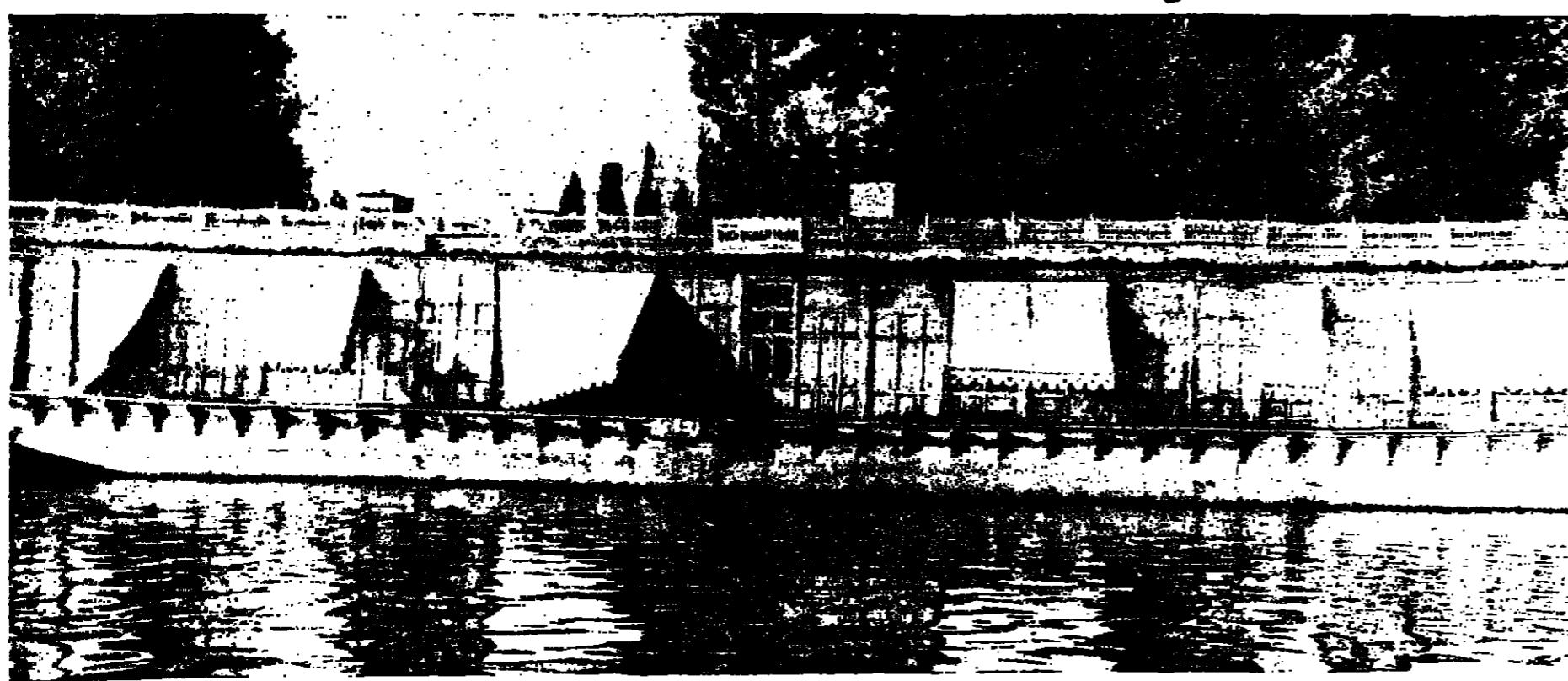
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Encounters and excursions from a houseboat in Kashmir...



The houseboat "Buckingham Palace," moored on Nager Lake

SRINAGAR, Kashmir — Just outside the airport gates, the vegetation really begins in rows of oriental plane trees — huge and civic and humane as stone Presidents — and banks of irises that crown bends in the road or struggle up between the masonry of collapsed temples.

It is disorienting at first, and for a traveller from Jeddah, rather atrocious. And if he comes in spring, which he is likely to do, he

**Story and photos
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will also be astonished by water everywhere.

So great is the mass of the mountain system that it draws all liquids towards it like the moon — and gives them out again in torrential burns, over patchworks of paddy fields, in the great coils of the Jhelum that appear suddenly beyond them and in the string of lakes that have made Kashmir famous.

The light is more liquid than Venice and is never quite the same from one moment to the next. And the weather is so intensely local that a man can follow a thunderstorm from the Isle of Chenars across the lake without ever getting wet.

If the traveller is English, this strangeness will be all the stranger



Houseboat owner Ahdoos Gosani
the handicrafts, from the furnishings of houseboats and the architecture of Srinagar. It persists like the bloodstain in "The Canterbury Tales" — green, blue or yellow, but still recognizable.

Like all towns built on water, Srinagar is a confusing place.

There is a hill nearby, Takht-i-

Suleiman or Shandakrya, which divides the Jhelum from the lakes

and rises about 150 meters from

the valley floor. It is a steep climb,

for a piercing streak of familiarity. The English, though they actually ruled the place for only a week in 1846, have left a spur as strong as that of the Indians, who never have — in theory. The taste of the English suburbs still throbs from

heavily planted with white laburnum and strongly scented lilac, and crowned on its summit by a little Hindu temple, much restored and generously electrified by the Maharaja of Mysore, during a goodwill visit in 1924.

The proportions of the view are as perfect, and suspicious, as a watercolor. To the south, the foreground slopes away through pink and white fruit trees, past clumps of willows on the valley bottom, light green wheatfields and rice paddies and placid reaches of river full of boats, to rise toward the walls of the Pir Panjal. To the northwest, the eye crosses a chaos of flood-canals, past the polo ground and the Residency park to Hari Parbat, with its ruined fort, almond blossom and gambolling lunatics in their red pyjamas. At its feet, the smoke of a thousand cooking fires obscures the old town, like artillery fire clouding a distant battlefield.

To the north, the ground falls sharply to the shore of Dal Lake, which sweeps round in a fine freehand curve as grand avenues of Mughal chenars march down to meet it. Beyond is the sheet of Nager and the mouths of the steep gulleys that drain the Himalaya, and above them, 3,000 meters above the sea, the peak of Haramukh, the presiding genius of Kashmir. Its summit will be lost in a violet haze, but somewhere north of that are the ceasefire lines and the Indus valley, and God knows what chaos of glacier and rock before "that shiest of mountains" — K. 2.

But the eye keeps returning to the lakes, for are Kashmir's chief attraction and have been so since the Mughal emperors first laid out their gardens or, two centuries later, Gulab Singh collaborated with the English to betray Sikh power in Lahore and gain the valley for his own. Of the two that girdle Srinagar, Dal is the larger and Nager is the quieter, but both are as still and clear as a mirror, relics of a period when the whole valley lay under water.

They are extremely shallow, perhaps a meter in most places, and choked with duckweed and the tendrils of the lotus plant that covers the surface with flowers in June. There are fish too, ringed carp of a sort, which respond to gentle dabbing with bits of mutton. But this is best tried in the narrow channels between the market gardens of Dal, for out on the late there are kingfishers — silk blue and taffeta grey — and wheeling fish eagles for competition.

God made the lakes, the lotus and the fish but Mr. M.T. Kennard, — that great sportsman — introduced the houseboat in the 1880s and they now number in hundreds. From Shandakrya, across the waist of water that leads into Dal proper, they puzzle against

the vegetable gardens, crowded and replete as seals.

In selecting a boat site is of paramount importance, for they have grown unadventurous with age and are loth to slip their moorings. Summer journeys down the

for his multitudinous sons have been tested on the boats and in the Dalgate and Delhi emporia — and not found wanting.

In contradistinction, Mr. Ahdoos Gosani has a modest houseboat and two unmarried daughters — God forgive him, with weddings up to 8,000 rupees a go with supper boats, motor-boats, musicians, flowers and 17-course dinners, and changes of clothes for the groom's avaricious family, and English chocolates for confetti and taxis and petrol up 25 per cent "because the Arabs do good business."

And, as he says, the shikar has gone right down. Who now speaks of picking 50-pound mahseer out of the Jhelum at Sopore and here we are, a whole morning on the best beat of the Brinjhi, and only just over the bag limit. As for the game, bah, just a brace of scrappy teal from a hotel-keeper up Bandipur-side when Mr. Kennard, one day in 1907, shot 325 by himself.

But if Ahdoos complains, he is also pugnacious. Fighting comes to the houseboat caste as easily as litigation to New Yorkers. Business is slack in April and this is the time to revive the old feuds that criss-cross the lakes like a web. They begin somewhere in the past.

Once you have selected one of these characters, you are committed to him, perhaps even for life.

For visitors have a habit of returning to Kashmir. In return, he will

arrange excursions, fight with Indian Airlines and the Fisheries Department, transport and super-

serve you, and isolate you from the nasty and dangerous and, above all, from other houseboat wallahs.

The Kashmiri genius, if it is not

for copying, is for providing. They



Early lotus flower on Dal Lake

will provide anything from gladioli to morphine in a vast network of commission that extends from

Delhi to the ceasefire lines. No money changes hands. But as you drive to the airport, you will

receive a monstrous bill, riddled with commission, bribes, licenses, fines and surcharges. And it won't be until the last flight call that both parties will be satisfied.

Srinagar offers so many diversions that many say it is spoilt. It probably is. Younghusband, who lived there as resident, said it was in 1908 and since then tongues of development — spearheaded by Abdullah — have licked along the shores of Dal. Mr. Oberoi has opened his hotel and Swiss-style chalets clutter the hill between the Mughal gardens.

But, Younghusband asked, surely even Moorcroft, the second European and first Englishman to see Kashmir, "must have often

pined for a decent dinner — and,

who knows, for a game of golf?"

There is golf now, at Gulmarg in the shadow of Nanga Parbat, and refractory hacks for riding and water-skiing on Nager and snow-

skiing at Pahalgam.

Apart from the gardens, favorite picnic spots for the people of the town and the drunken Sikh soldiers quartered in it, there are excursions to the eerie lakes of Wular and Gangabal and to the rambling remains of Hindu and Buddhist temples.

Of these, Martand to the southeast occupies the finest site for worship in the world. Here, on a green meadow beneath the pass to lower Ladakh, the style that begins in Baalbek and Palmyra ends its eastward journey in a final lonely exuberance. G.T. Vigne, the best writer about Kashmir, but as proprietary as any other visitor, thought it would do nicely for a racecourse.

North and south of the valley are the glens that rise steeply

Jhelum are a thing of the 19th-century and even change of mooring from Dal to Nager requires months of telegrams. If you have escaped the crush of the airport still uncommitted, a pleasant day can be had touring the lakes in a paddle-boat shikara judging the merits of site and plumbing of each. Or you can opt for dry land and the Bombay Rotarians of Nedou's — caterer to Viceroys and the spectacular views and impudent waiters of the Oberoi.

Noise travels far in the clear air. Dal is a place of chatter, car-horns and endless Urdu film tunes. There too is Mr. Butt.

On the northern shore of Dal is the great white mosque of Hazratbal, built by Sheikh Abdullah, Kashmir's chief minister, and a charitable trust to house a purposed hair of the Holy Prophet's head. If you come by Hazratbal on Friday, the reach will be choked with boatloads of villagers bringing their wives to the Friday prayer and their produce to the Friday bazaar. But beyond that, away from the noise, in the shade of a mighty chinar that seems to have walked out of the nearby Mughal garden, you will find Mr. Butt, conducting business from an iron bedstead.

Mr. Butt — actually Hajji G.M. Butt, for the last world war brought prosperity and he made the Pilgrimage in 1946 — is the doyen of the houseboat class or khanjis. He is rich and rather cosmopolitan, for he is much favored by ambassadors. As you lunch aboard, dusty photographs reflect the contended stares of J.K. Galbraith, Ellsworth Bunker and other heroes, their accompanying testimonials attesting the excellence of the Butt regime.

His houseboats are as opulent as even Mr. Major's "Flying Peony" on Nager and are fenced off from hawkers. Mr. Butt himself is very old, but contented with under his refugee chinar,

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toward the Himalaya and Pir Panjal watersheds. Orchards of fruit trees give way to willows and walnuts, to great stands of cedar and fir and, finally, the treeless scree that is the landscape of Ladakh.

The streams — Sindh, Erin, Bringhi and Lidder — are very fast, cold and clear. Brown and rainbow trout were introduced 80 years ago and have done well. But the icy water makes them drowsy and they like sunlight as no other trout on earth.

They will take a fly put to them, however inexperitly, and there are gillies to help. But once hooked, the trout fight without conviction as if they do not yet feel quite at home in their cold bright world. A circle of children will watch you fish all day and, behind them, a

dress circle of fat, black carrion crows. Enormous mountain eagles, not the jumped-up kites of Dal, blot out the sun.

In spring, the snow water is unpredictable and a day's fly-fishing can turn into a dreary and illegal day's worming. At times like that, it is best to climb up above the deodars and starveling villages toward the snow line. Here saxifrages and strawberries sprout among patches of ice and here, if you go where animals and people don't, you will find the Himalayan Blue Poppy.

Then there is Srinagar itself. First, the bazar. Unlike Kabul or Tehran, it cannot be said to be cosmopolitan. Goods from India must be trucked over the Pir Panjal and are not cheap. And there is

no trading contact with Central Asia — it took three generations of explorers battering themselves against the Karakorams to find that out.

There remains what Kashmir produces itself. Excellent silk is cultivated on mulberry trees in the valley and woven into old-fashioned geometric and crepe on antique French looms. There are long-haired carpets of dubious hue and painted papier-mâché of slight workmanship. And there are the famous Kashmir shawls.

The Kashmir famine of 1877 and changes in European taste after the Franco-Prussian War interrupted the tradition, and the modern shawls lack conviction — unless they be plain in color and of the very fine weaves known by the

trade names of Pashmina and Shah Tush. These are made from the very soft wool underlying the long hair of the Tibetan goat. But Chinese intruders in the goat's habitat in Ladakh have cut down on the supply reaching the Srinagar looms and the shawls are extremely expensive.

There is also what comes out of Ladakh: brilliantly worked silver and gold vessels and statuary, bought or plundered from Buddhist monasteries. For a non-Indian, this is a legal and moral twilight and acquaintance with the museum curator, the febrile Mr. Mokhodomy, and the Pandit who runs the Srinagar customs, will not inevitably be to your advantage.

The trade is doomed anyway as far as Srinagar is concerned, according to Ghulam Rasool, a leading trader in Tibetan works of art. This spring, Indian Airlines opened a weekly flight to Leh, the chief town of Ladakh, and Rasool gloomily predicts that the slick dealers from London and Los Angeles will go straight there. Rasool, like all the other merchants from Abdullah downwards, is waiting for credit to improve before moving into real estate. For Kashmir's future, if it has one, is tourism.

If you stand on the last bridge over the Jhelum and look upstream, Srinagar will look like Henley-on-Thames, especially if the G.M. Tyndall-Bissoe Memorial School is preparing for its annual regatta. But if you turn downstream, it looks like no other place on earth.

Massed up on either side of the broad river are banks of rickety wooden houses, mosques, temples, balconied shops, some large, some small and some leaning to one side and some with earth roofs sprouting streaked, bloody tulips.

At night it presents a different aspect. For the Srinagaris possess their town only at nightfall.

A shower or a lost paddle may delay you on Nagan and you must return through the old town, down a shallow canal reeking of ordure. Your progress will be slow, twisting and turning between rotten cliffs of buildings, past huge

barges full of fruit and timber going to Calcutta or sullen, rickety children going nowhere. And it will be quiet except for the clatter of washerwomen on the canal steps and the toneless whistle that warns oncoming boats. It is not the quiet of desuetude or exhaustion found elsewhere in the valley, but a brooding, overpopulated silence.

Kashmir has been an uncertain place of late. What in Saudi Arabia Prince Sultan calls the "disturbances around us" have crept into the valley, hauled over the Pir Panjal in the back of Public Carrier trucks, or seeping under the ceasefire lines from Gilgit and Pandit.

The day Bhutto died, there were riots from London to Kathmandu, but in Srinagar it was bitterly cold. A crowd began to gather in Lal Chowk, school and university students at first, then the usual badmashes from the bazaar, and then a throng of curious

ordinary people who were angry and bewildered. For they had liked Bhutto, who flattered them and was the devil they never knew. And, anyway, the price of rice had gone up by four rupees two days before.

Who was responsible for what happened in Pindi? The Americans, of course, for nothing is done without their knowledge, they said. And Zia's Arab friends and the Jamaat-i-Islam, which props him up with the money the Saudis splash out for mosques. This is common knowledge, they said.

But more fire was needed. The Srinagar Club on the Bund is neither large nor new. Nor at all fast, for it was long ago superseded by the Anjir Club as heaven for the up-and-coming merchant and official. It is, however, built entirely of wood.

And so the crowd set off down Lal Chowk, toward the European quarter. The memorial school, Victorian and corrupt, loomed up on the right, but a burly Muslim guard blocked the way. This complicated matters. But someone,

perhaps, thought out loud: Who cares if khanji children pick up a bit of English and get ahead? So they marched on to the Bund, once the fashionable promenade, and set fire to the church for the second time in 12 years. It made a disappointing blaze, for only the roof is wood. In the villages, the prayer-halls and houses of the Jamaat burned far more merrily.

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Today, its 'blackened beams' stick out inconveniently over the Bund. You might go inside, roll back the cloth from the billiard

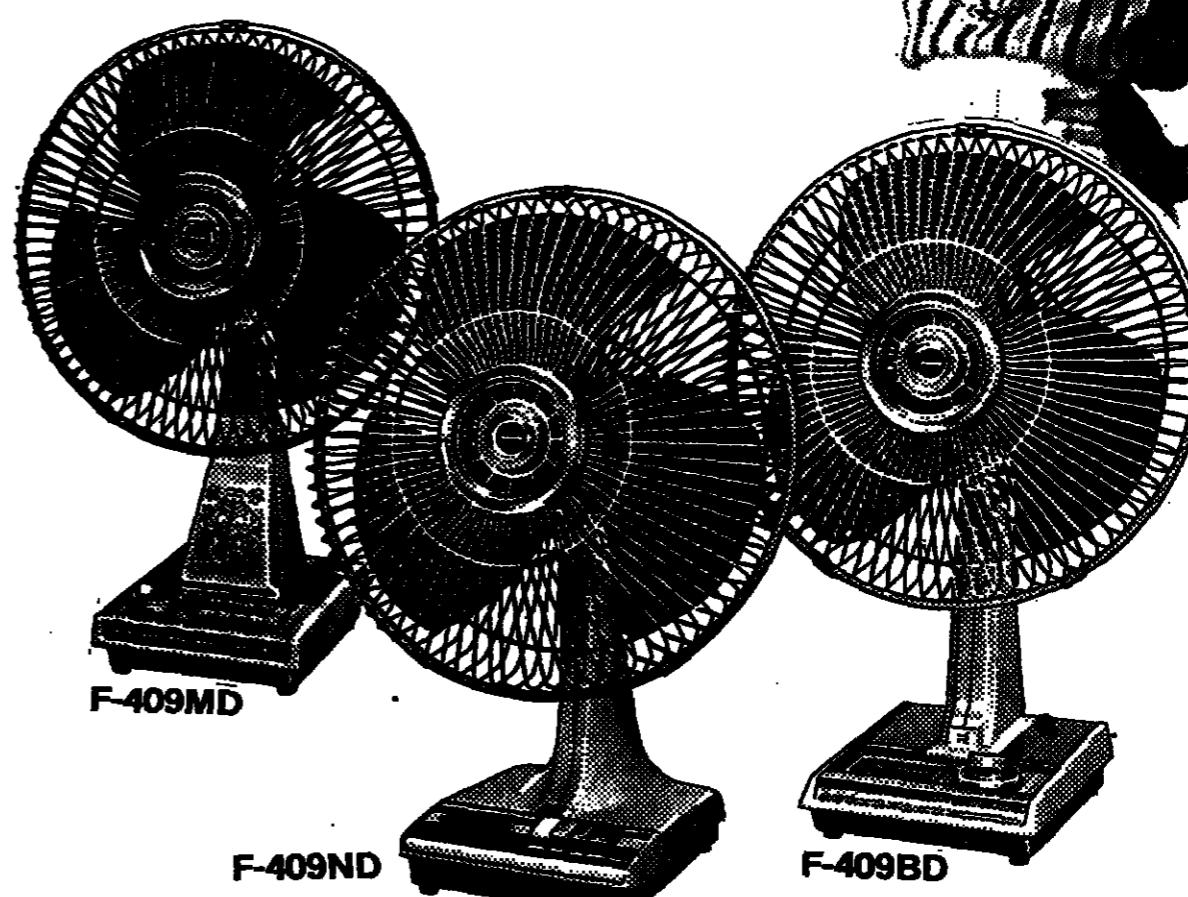
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Khanji boy disentangles his skein at Dalgate



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5th-wicket 139 clinches 2nd World Cup

W. Indies bury England by 92 runs

LONDON, June 24 (R) — The West Indies retained the World Cup at Lords here Saturday suffocating England's hopes under a towering total of 286 for nine after being put into bat.

England began its reply with a century opening stand between Geoff Boycott and Mike Brearley, but then collapsed before the bowling of Joel Garner and was all out for 194 in 51 overs to lose by 92 runs.

The last eight England wickets tumbled for just 11 runs and Garner, the West Indian hero, finished with five for 38. This was after 11 overs but Garner actually

took his wickets in a devastating 11-ball burst, conceding just three runs in the process.

The match stretched over more than eight hours but was settled during a 76-minute batting partnership between Vivian Richards and Collis King. In an explosive onslaught the West Indian fifth-wicket pair added 139 runs and England's Bowlers, having earlier justified Brearley's decision to field first, were never able to reassert their authority.

Richards' innings of 138 not out in 206 minutes was the basis of the West Indies' huge score and won him the Man of the Match award.

But it was King's 86 off 55 balls that gave impetus at the crucial moment.

Gordon Greenidge was run out taking an unwise gamble against Derek Randall making a direct hit on the stumps. And Desmond Haynes, Alvin Kallicharran and Clive Lloyd were all back in the pavilion when King joined Richards in the 30th over with the score 99. Had England achieved another quick breakthrough, the West Indian innings would have been on the rocks. But in the event the score raced ahead to 238 before King was fifth out in the 51st over.

King, carting and heaving as though it were a game of beach cricket, smacked three sixes and 10 fours as he reduced the England bowling to tatters. While he was at the crease the West Indian total of over 300 seemed a certainty but in the end its fall just short.

Fittingly, Richards completed the West Indies' innings by striking the last ball from Mike Hendrick for a soaring six into the Mound Stand. Richards hit two other sixes and 11 fours.

England paid dearly for playing only four specialist bowlers. Boycott, Graham Gooch and Wayne Larkins were used as stop gaps and the 12 overs they bowled between them cost 86 runs.

Boycott, wearing a crash helmet for the first time, and Brearley launched England's innings with a stand of 129 but it took 38 overs and in trying to accelerate the scoring rate the later batsmen sacrificed their wickets.

Garner — "Big Bird" to his team mates — was the man who capitalized on this and in one over clean bowled Gooch, David Gower and Larkins.

Kent hits out

LONDON, June 24 (R) — Christavares, pressing for a place in the England Test team, scored a magnificent 150 not out for Kent which dominated the opening day of a three-day county championship match against top-of-the-table Essex Saturday.

Tavare cracked 10 fours as Kent piled up 316 for eight, and added 113 for the third wicket with Christopher Cowdrey who made 51. At the close of play Essex had reached 20 for one.

total of 207, six strokes under par.

Lee Trevino, who wore two sweaters, a shirt and his pajamas, also had a 72 and was second alone at 210 going into Sunday's final round of the chase for a \$ 53,000 first prize.

First-round leader Australian Jack Newton bogeyed three of his last four holes for a 73 that left him at 211.

"I played just the way I wanted

to through the first 13 holes, and then the wheels came off," said Newton.

They were the only men able to break par for three trips over the 7,050-yard Glene Abbey golf club course, which was made even more difficult than usual by winds that gusted to 25 miles per hour and temperatures in the 40s Fahrenheit.

Ben Crenshaw and D.A. Weibring were at par 213.

"With conditions like this again tomorrow, it will be very difficult for anyone to catch him (Newton) unless they play superbly," Newton said.

Watson was modest. "Hopefully, I can put the pressure on them by getting a couple of birdies right off the bat."

HERSHEY, Pennsylvania, June 24 (AP) — Nancy Lopez fired a four-under-par 68 Saturday to tie Kathy Whitworth for the lead after two rounds of the Lady Keystone Open golf tournament here. Lopez and Whitworth had 36-hole totals of 140, four under par.

Whitworth shot a one-under-par 71 in Saturday's round.

Walker upset in mile event

PISCATAWAY, New Jersey, June 24 (AP) — U.S. middle-distance star Don Paige upset John Walker of New Zealand in the mile at the inaugural New Jersey Olympic Track classic Saturday.

Paige, winner of the 800-and 1,500-meter U.S. collegiate titles earlier this month, turned in a personal best of 3 minutes, 54.6 seconds. He overtook the 27-year-old Walker, the world record holder in the mile and 1976 Olympic 1,500-meter champion, at the head of the stretch and poured it on for a convincing victory.

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The other leading men's seeds have less daunting tasks. John McElroy, the 20-year-old New Yorker who is seeded second,

University hosts final table tennis tourney

By Geoff Gardner

DHAHRAN, June 24 — Unseeded players took two titles and made a run for a third in the Third Annual Open Table Tennis Championships at the University of Petroleum and Minerals last weekend.

In the A singles — for players of top ability — top seed Nader Kalawo took a close second game to defeat fellow UPM student Saad Hennawi, 21-8, 26-24, Friday. Unseeded Hennawi had earlier beaten the second seed, Jasem Shuwick.

Another non-seed, Shafiqah Ahmad of Aramco went to three games before besting top-seeded Redha Garout of UPM, 16-21, 21-16, 21-7, in the B singles.

In the C singles, the final resulted in UPM student Jaffa Maghaslah, who has been playing in competition for only a year, topping Syed Faseel Ahmad of Saudi Railways, 21-16, 21-17.

"Altogether it was a very successful tournament for the UPM team squad," said a pleased Brian Burn, tournament director and coach of the university team. "Nader Kalawo was the outstanding player in the tournament and deserved his win in the A flight."

The doubles finale saw the top seeds victorious as Kalawo and Hennawi took the longest and closest final of the day by beating Shuwick and Malik Shuarah, 21-14, 15-21, 21-15 in the A doubles.

Sardar Ahmad and Abdul Rasheed, both UPM faculty, bested Bob Lane and M. Lewandowski of Basic Chemical Industries, 21-16, 21-18, in the B doubles.

Lane, however, won the men's consolation singles. He topped Ahmed Helal of Petromin, 21-11, 18-21, 21-13. All regular round losers were put into the consolation pool and a six-point handicap imposed to even out the inter-flight play.

There were more than 80 entries for the one-day event, compared to 55 last year and 40 in 1977.

The tournament marked the end of play of the Khobar and District Table Tennis League, organized by Burn in 1977 to give his squad some competition. The UPM team won the top division with Shuwick



AWARD WINNER : Second seed Jasem Shuwick of UPM, name best performer for his 15-0 match record in the Khobar Table Tennis League.

winning a league award for best individual performance. He did not drop a single of his 15 matches.

Second division winner was Ballast Nedam.

The 1980 league season starts in January.

Red Sox beat Toronto on 11th-inning home

innings.

John Mayberry homered for Toronto, his 11th of the season.

Elsewhere in the American League, Dave Goltz scattered seven hits and the Minnesota Twins came one sacrifice away from tying the major league record in their 6-1 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

The Twins had five sacrifice bunts and two sacrifice flies, one short of the record of eight in a game.

Dave Roberts, a pinch hitter, smacked a two-run homer in the 10th inning to help the Texas Rangers to an 8-5 victory over the Oakland A's. John Ellis also homered for Texas, which was the victim of the A's third triple play of the season in the fourth inning.

In the National League, Mike Ivie drove in two runs as the San Francisco Giants once again reached the .500 mark with a 5-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

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Third World unit negotiates final bid for EEC aid

BRUSSELS, June 24 (R) — Ministers representing 57 African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries met here Sunday in preparation for a last-ditch attempt to seal a new trade and aid agreement with the Common Market.

The ACP rejected an offer worth \$6.7 million over five years when talks were suspended a month ago.

EEC sources said French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet, president of the community council of Ministers, has written to Michel Ancelouey of Gabon, his opposite member in the ACP group, offering a 10 per cent

Italian airports threatened with new disruptions

ROME, June 24 (R) — More than half Italy's 1,500 air traffic controllers were to ask to be discharged Monday over a dispute in service conditions which could disrupt peak summer holiday flights.

All air traffic control in Italy is handled by the military and a group of control tower workers have been campaigning to have their service demilitarized.

The group said 800 members would file formal requests for discharge from their air force commanders. It was unlikely however, that the military would grant the requests.

The controllers said they would decline all responsibility for their work if they were forced to continue in their jobs. They did not explain what they meant by "declining responsibility."

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increase in the package.

ACP sources said the offer was unlikely to be rejected but said there would be hard bargaining over how it will be broken down and on other aspects of the convention.

These center on how much of the ACP's industrial and agricultural output will be given free access to the community and schemes to compensate them for declining earnings from agriculture and mining.

The talks are aimed at reaching an agreement to replace the Lome Convention, which runs out next year.

It will be signed either in Lome, capital of Togo, or Khartoum.

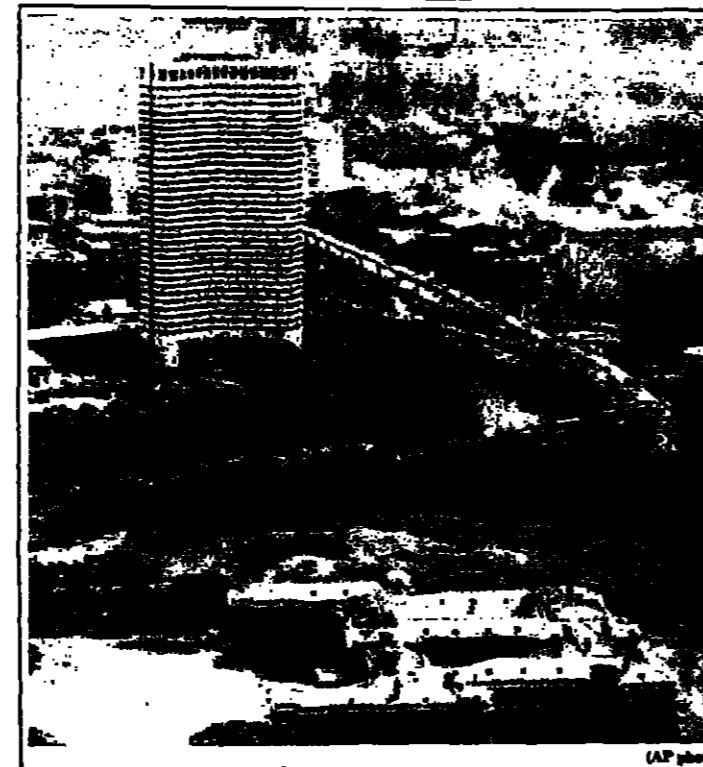
The meeting was called only last week by Francois-Poncet and Anchouey and the short notice has irked many of the ACP countries.

Nigeria called for a postponement and some of the Caribbean countries were known to be unhappy. One of the ACP's four important negotiators, Jamaican Foreign Minister P.J. Patterson, will not attend.

A major point in the talks will be a Common Market insistence, so far resisted by the ACP, that a clause requiring protection of human rights be inserted into the agreement.

The ACP countries are still looking for better access for a range of agricultural products, including tomatoes, carrots and onions and for beef.

On the exports stabilization (Stabex) scheme, the ACP wants tobacco included as an agricultural product, a point important to Malawi. Italy is resisting this.



SUMMIT SITE : Leaders of the free industrial nations will meet at the Tokyo State Guest House, in the foreground, on June 28. The heads of state will stay in the Hotel New Otani, the skyscraper in the background.

In east, north U.S. gas crisis worsens

NEW YORK, June 24 (AP) — American motorists found little gas in the northern and eastern states over the weekend. Lines as long as one mile were common in New York and Connecticut.

Supplies were generally adequate in the Midwest and West. In California, where rationing has been in effect for almost seven weeks, the only lines were at stations which were selling gas at lower prices.

A truckers' strike which interfered with deliveries added to shortages in some areas, and state police and the National Guard in at least nine states shepherded fuel trucks Saturday.

Hundreds of motorists, angry because a station closed before they could buy gas, joined truckers to block a major intersection in Pennsylvania Saturday. Police arrested 14 of the 700 to 1,000 demonstrators.

Guardians dressed in riot gear and armed with M-16 rifles escorted gas tankers. The trucks made deliveries to fuel-starved stations in Florida.

Florida governor's office said there were indications of progress in ending the truckers' strike.

New Hampshire police in Concord, Manchester and Nashua said people slept in their cars at stations overnight to be first in line to get gas Saturday.

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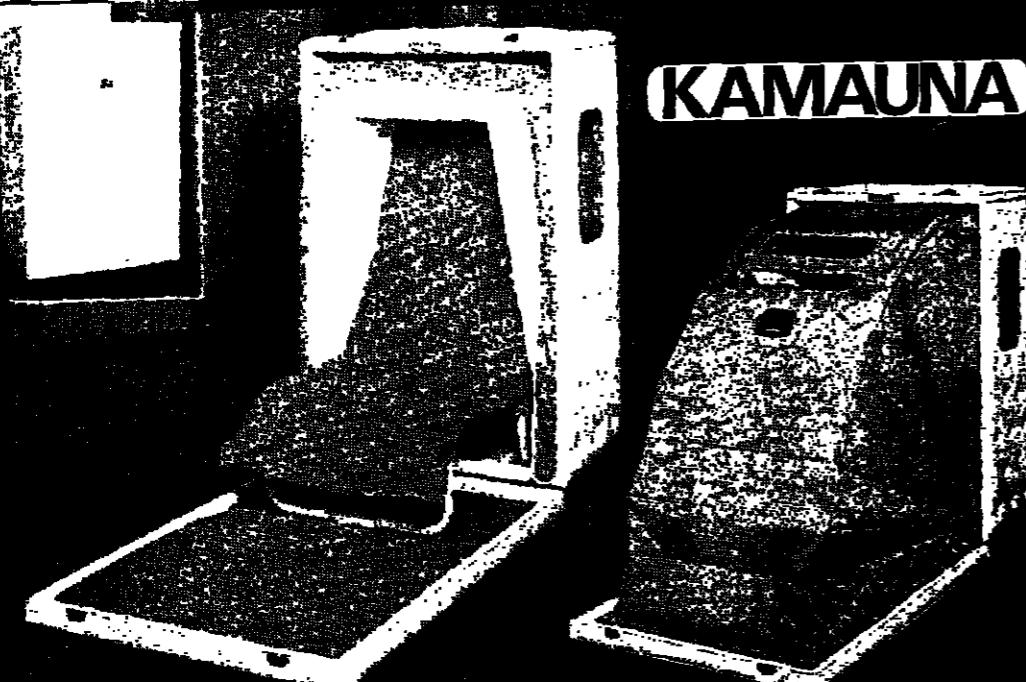
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At annual gathering Comecon discusses 1980s energy needs

MOSCOW, June 24 (R) — While Western leaders gather in Tokyo this week, Soviet bloc prime ministers will be holding their own economic summit in Moscow.

The agenda here, like the one for the West, will give priority to a 1980s' energy needs.

The annual meeting, which opens Tuesday and this year marks the 30th anniversary of the Soviet-led Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (Comecon), will be chaired by Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin.

All East European members of Comecon rely heavily on Moscow for fuel and raw materials. They are seeking firm commitments for Soviet oil, gas and other supplies into the next decade.

Several other programs were approved last year, including a vital document dealing with energy resources.

Agreement followed last March on the building of a joint nuclear power station at Khmelnytsky in the Soviet Ukraine, with a 750-kilowatt line to carry electricity to Poland.

Comecon, which unlike the Common Market has no supranational powers, includes not just the seven Warsaw Pact states but also Mongolia, Cuba and Vietnam which last year became the 10th member.

East European sources said there were no plans to admit new members this time. But Laos, North Korea, Angola and Ethiopia were expected to be present as observers, as they were at the 1978 summit in Bucharest.

The Soviet-backed Heng Samrin government in Cambodia is not likely to attend because of

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Opening Sunday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
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Pound Sterling	7.24	7.28	7.30
Deutsche Mark (100)	182.00	183.00	183.00
Swiss F (100)	203.00	206.00	205.75
French F (100)	79.00	79.50	79.10
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.10	4.08
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	105.50	105.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	76.75	87.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.55	4.70
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.30	12.29
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.17	11.17
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	88.50	88.55
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	90.50	90.30
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.50	8.55
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	75.00	74.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	80.00	87.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.10
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.60
Gold kg	—	31,000	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,625	—
Silver kg bar	—	1,000	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.55	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.90	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.14	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.66	—	—

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Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Mecca	Supplying of agricultural equipment	3	50	July 14
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" "	Supplying of agricultural soil	5	50	July 16
" "	Supplying of saplings, flower seeds and climbing plants	6	30	July 16
Municipality of Medina	Securing of fuel	1	20	July 9
" "	Securing of printed materials, graphic and photographic equipment and stationery	2	20	July 9
" "	Securing of automatic garbage trucks	3	50	July 9
" "	Securing of heavy equipment and machinery	4	50	July 14
" "	Securing of furniture	5	30	July 14
" "	Securing of survey equipment	6	30	July 14

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Spain may ration gasoline

MADRID, June 24 (R) — Spain may introduce gasoline rationing if consumption is not reduced significantly. The Madrid newspaper "El País" said Sunday. The government had drawn up an energy-saving plan aimed at reducing a rise in oil consumption of more than 11.5 per cent in the first five months of this year. A sharp increase in oil prices is planned for next month and some service stations will be closed from next September. If these measures fail to cut consumption significantly, rationing would be introduced around November.

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Middle East Shipping Information

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Indonesian DC-10s fly again

JAKARTA, June 24 (AP) — The national airline Garuda resumed DC-10 flights to Europe and Australia on Saturday after the planes had been grounded for more than two weeks. DC-10s flew to Amsterdam with stops in Bombay, Karachi and Frankfurt, and to Australia with a stop in Bali. They were permitted to land in Colombo, Bombay, Karachi and European countries, but were only allowed to fly over Singapore, Malaysia and Arab countries. A third Garuda DC-10 was in Bali for shuttles and instruction flights and a fourth used for Hong Kong flights remained in Jakarta.

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in Saudi Arabia
saudi business

- This week read about
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2 — Italian oil agreement
3 — Leaders in animal skins
4 — Asir electrification scheme.

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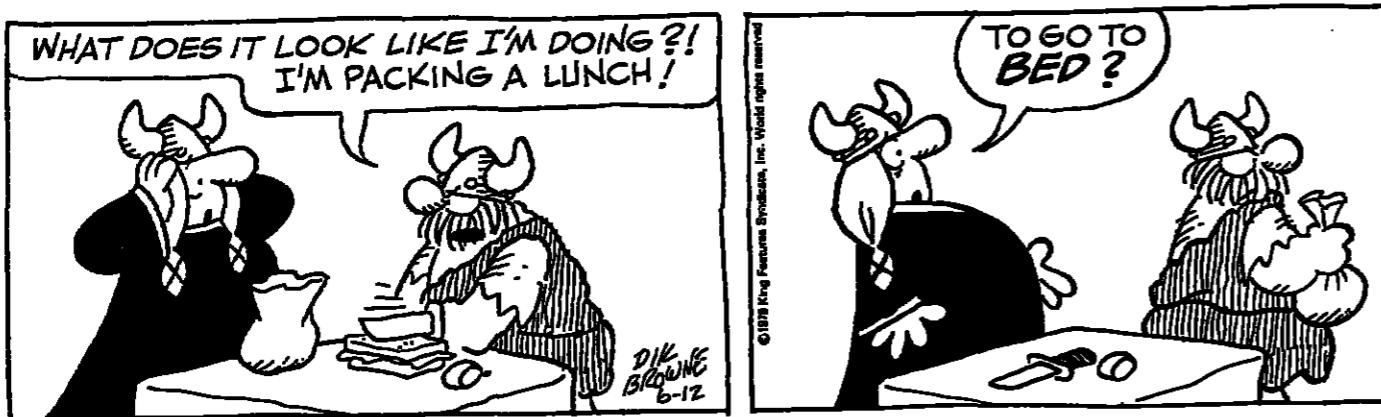
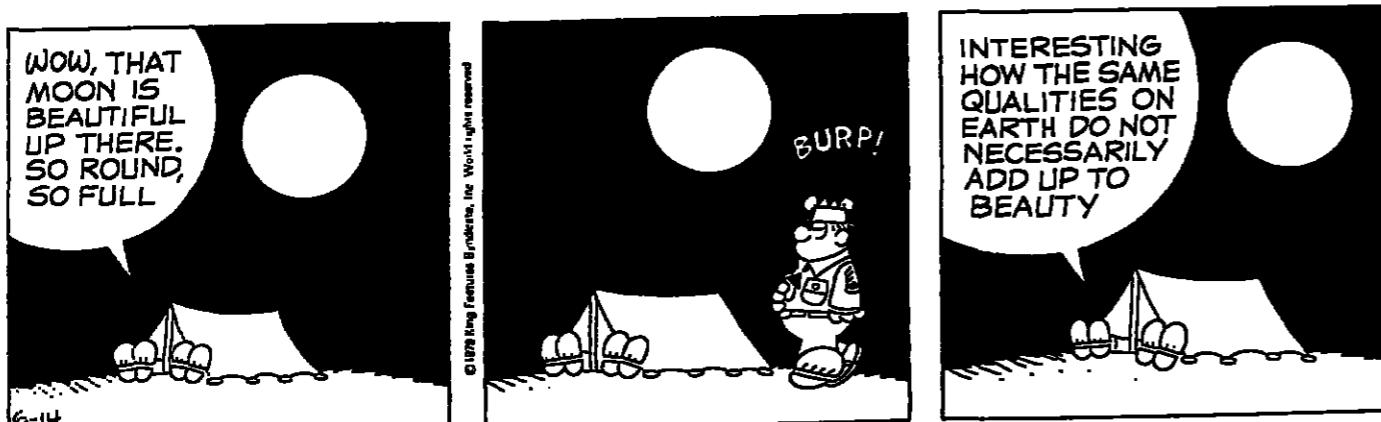
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS	DOWN
1 "High" -	1 Intertwine
4 Chess move	2 Lamcheon
10 "I - Camera"	3 Pillage
11 Worshipful	4 - a
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14 Napoleonic	6 Oklahoma
victory site	7 Odd Sten
15 Move without effort	8 Memo Gel
17 Mine entrance	9 Cre Flattop
18 Russian river	10 Orr Rat Rue
19 Pavarotti's birthplace	11 Reiner Watt
20 Influenced:	12 Encase Acre
21 Perpetual colloq.	13 Death Deers
22 Clear above expenses	14 Heavenly food
23 Pub game item	15 Army officer's concern
24 Of sound's quality	16 Part of speech
25 Place to recuperate	17 Buck heroine
28 Anonymous	18 Part
33 Where the Maine was moored	19 Newsroom
35 Secret writing	20 Speech
37 War deity	21 Frilly fabric
38 Altercate	22 Cross out
41 Suffix with affection	23 Colorado resort
42 Start	24 Specie
43 Parcel of land	25 Trimming Bottled up
44 Pelican's relative	26 Zoroastrian
45 Before	27 Vase
	28 Bible
	29 - the mark

Yesterday's Answer

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Opening lead — jack of spades.	

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXE

is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

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Yesterday's Cryptogram: HE NEVER CHOOSES AN OPINION; HE JUST WEARS WHATEVER HAPPENS TO BE IN STYLE.—TOLSTOY

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PRAYER TIMES

Monday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:16	5:44	12:29	3:48	7:08	8:38
Medina	4:05	5:33	12:29	3:50	7:15	8:45
Nejd	3:37	5:13	12:01	3:22	6:46	8:16

DAHRAN TV

4:30 Childrens Show	Ses St: 1127, Laff a Lypnics: Ariz No Face
5:55 The Monster Squad	Career Girl
6:19 The Waltons	The Ghost Talks
7:06 Randall & Hopkirk Safety Film	Fire Safety Hot Stuff
8:05 Kojak	Photo Must Credit Joe Paxton
8:53 Theater of Stars	In Any Language

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours : Hot and dry northeasterly winds will get active over most of the regions causing sandstorms and poor visibility. A considerable rise in the temperatures is expected over the western coast during the day. The western and southwestern highlands will remain dusty during the day but clear at night.

Sea conditions are likely to remain moderate over the western coast and rough over the eastern.

Sunday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	46	34	Al-Wajh	40	19
Jeddah	49	31	Tabuk	39	21
Riyadh	40	27	Arar	41	25
Dhahran	39	31	Sulayl	42	31
Medina	42	28	Yanbu	45	27
Taif	34	31	Abha	29	19

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Afternoon Transmission

- 2:00 Opening
- 2:01 The Holy Quran
- 2:05 Gems of Guidance
- 2:10 Saudi Literature & Arts
- 2:20 On Islam
- 2:30 People Talking
- 3:00 NEWS
- 3:10 Press Review
- 3:15 Musci
- 3:20 Science Journal
- 3:30 Leaps & Bounds
- 3:40 MUSIC
- 3:50 Close Down
- Evening Transmission
- 10:00 Opening

VOA

- 10:05 Opening: Analyses News Summary
- 10:30 VOC Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter
- 11:00 Special English: News
- 11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
- VOA WORLD REPORT
- Midnight
- 12:00 News newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.

BBC

- Morning Transmission
- 8:00 World News
- 8:09 * Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
- 8:30 * Sarah Ward
- 8:45 World Today
- 9:00 Newsdesk
- 9:30 * Opera Star
- 10:00 World News
- 10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
- 10:30 * Sarah Ward
- 10:45 * Something to Show You
- 11:00 World News
- 11:09 Reflections
- 11:15 Piano Style
- 11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
- 12:00 World News
- 12:09 British Press Review
- 12:15 World Today
- 12:30 Financial News
- 12:40 Look Ahead
- 12:45 The Tony Myatt Request Show
- Evening Transmission
- 1:15 Ulster in Focus
- 1:30 Discovery
- 2:00 World News
- 2:09 News about Britain
- 2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios
- 2:30 Sports International
- 2:40 Radio Newsreel
- 3:15 Promende Concert
- 3:45 Sports Round-up
- 4:00 World News
- 4:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
- Midnight Transmission
- 12:15 Talkabout
- 12:45 Nature Notebook
- 1:00 World News
- 1:09 World Today
- 1:25 Financial News
- 1:35 BBOOK Choice
- 1:40 Reflections
- 1:45 Sports Round-up
- 2:00 World News
- 2:09 Commentary
- 2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, JUNE 25, 1979

- What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.
- ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Accant affection in dealing with relationships. The same problem keeps cropping up at home. Unexpected news re finances.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Seek new ways to increasing income. Some business news unreliable. Distant affairs assumed not surprising financial development.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A problem at a distance requires attention. Questions of intimacy arise concerning relationships. Surprises in connection with romance.
- TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) A mixed day re communications. Take charge of a work project. Don't let money cause strain in relationships. Be flexible.
- GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Don't second guess self re romance. What you did was right. The financial picture could deteriorate if you're not on guard.
- CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Affairs at home require attention. Romance may make you somewhat nervous. After an initial overture, you may get cold feet.
- LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) Know the difference between discretion and evasiveness. Despite careful planning, an unexpected twist affects the domestic scene.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Mixing business with pleasure brings moderate career gains early in the day.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Revamp work schedule. Favorable introductions, but you may be slow to trust new contacts. Friends may distract you from tasks.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) New ideas about joint financial planning, but indecision how to implement them. Romance makes you highstrung and a bit nervous.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Sunday, events may interfere with the implementation of domestic decisions. Speed romantic interests separate from business.

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Calls for replacement

OAS wants Somoza to go

WASHINGTON, June 24 (R) — The Organization of American States (OAS) Friday night passed a resolution calling for the immediate replacement of Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza.

The resolution, adopted at a meeting of OAS foreign ministers by 17 votes to two, dropped a U.S. proposal made earlier to send an inter-American peacekeeping force to the embattled country.

Instead it proposed the "immediate and definitive" replacement of the Somoza government and the installation of a democratic government, including the main opposition groups.

The compromise resolution did not spell out exactly what OAS

nations should do with respect to the Nicaraguan crisis.

It urged member states "to take steps to facilitate an enduring and peaceful solution of the Nicaraguan problem..."

It added that the principle of non-intervention should be scrupulously observed.

Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the United States was pleased to back the resolution, even though it was not as specific as Washington wanted.

Nicaragua and Paraguay voted against the resolution. Chile, Uruguay, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador abstained.

The American proposal for a peacekeeping force ran into strong opposition during the

Nicaragua troops bombard Sandinista slum positions

MANAGUA, June 24 (R) — The Nicaraguan government radio told civilians Saturday to abandon their houses in Managua's northeast slums held by Sandinista guerrillas as the army launched a huge bombardment against rebel positions.

A steady flow refugees streamed south from the city Saturday evening as intense mortar fire and bombing struck the slum suburbs.

Many were crowded into overloaded trucks. Others trudged away from the city carrying boxes of food on their heads.

Red Cross officials were looking after 80,000 refugees from Managua in makeshift tents.

The national radio repeatedly warned the population Saturday night of imminent air attacks on the Sandinistas. It also called on them to drop their weapons and surrender, saying their lives would be guaranteed.

People living eight kilometers from the targets said their houses were shaken by the bombs dropped by helicopters and by artillery fire.

They said it was the heaviest attack since the Sandinistas began their assault on Managua three weeks ago.

The National Guard has recently gained ground against the guerrillas in the capital. But the Sandinistas still held vital areas of the north and south.

Military sources said it appeared that guerrillas had been slipping out of the Managua suburbs and joining other forces for further attacks on Managua.

It was estimated that President Somoza had committed about 1,100 men to attacks on the barrios, where the Sandinistas have strong support, and about 400 or 500 men to a defensive line near the Costa Rican border.

The bombs dropped on Managua apparently weighed more than 200 pounds each.

People huddled around short-wave radios to listen to the broadcast of the OAS debate on Nicaragua. Nicaraguan radio stations have been censored for several weeks and did not carry any immediate word on the vote.

Red Cross Director Miguel Schiebel said the food situation is becoming desperate at the Red Cross centers in Managua, where 80,000 people have sought shelter.

"The hunger is scandalous. There's just no way to feed them," he said.

He estimated that 20 tons of rice, beans and corn were needed daily and that only about 40 per cent of the demand was being supplied.

sometimes heated OAS meetings, with some Latin American countries objecting to a move that hinted at U.S. intervention in the area.

Friday night's resolution urged that free elections be held as soon as possible to establish "a truly democratic government that guarantees peace, freedom, and justice."

The resolution did not spell out which opposition groups should be represented in a new Nicaraguan government. No mention was made either of the Sandinista guerrillas or President Somoza's National Liberal Party.

The resolution was worked out Thursday night and Friday.

The meeting was called because of new battles between Nicaraguan government forces and Sandinista rebels, who have been fighting to overthrow President Somoza.

The president has rejected the U.S. proposal that he surrender power to an interim government saying this was really an attempt to overthrow him.

The "Washington Post" said that in a telephone interview the president indicated he was relying on a split among his opponents to prevent passage of the substitute proposal through the OAS.

Left Behind

In a last-minute change of plans, President Carter's National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski was left behind to deal with the Nicaraguan crisis as the president and other aides left on Saturday for Tokyo.

Brzezinski, who had been listed as part of the official party only hours before the departure, stayed in the capital to oversee U.S. efforts to encourage an OAS initiative in Nicaragua.

Asked whether the situation was getting worse, Brzezinski said, "No. But it is going on ... some body has to preside over the National Security Council."

Brzezinski stood next to Carter and Vance while the president read a departure statement on the south lawn of the White House but as the official party boarded a marine helicopter for the flight to Andrews Air Force Base, Brzezinski walked back toward the White House.

He told reporters he hoped to join Carter in Tokyo on Tuesday, possibly traveling with Defense Secretary Harold Brown.

It could be a last chance to buy some of the finest pieces of 18th century French furniture likely to come on the market.

Sotheby's says the collection, about 200 lots, is the most important auction of French furniture since the sale of the Hamilton Palace collection in June 1882.

Experts have predicted sales will surpass those of the Rosebery collection of furniture at Mentmore in Britain in May last year, which bought nearly \$ 11 million.

The highlight of the sale is expected to be a magnificent Louis XV ormolu-mounted marquetry corner cabinet, considered

AP photo



REFUGEE : A child, one of the 80,000 people who have fled the fighting in the Managua slums, looks through the steel mesh of the fence around a refugee center.

As Oijeh breaks up collection

Wildenstein sale to burst on art market

MONTE CARLO, June 24 (AP) — Sotheby's Monday starts taking bids on the magnificent Wildenstein collection recently bought by Saudi businessman Akram Oijeh in a two-day sale at the Sporting d'Hiver in Monte Carlo.

It should fetch more than \$ 600,000, a record for any single piece of furniture. At the Mentmore sale, one bidder offered \$ 270,000 for a Louis XV desk, but Lord Rosebery thought it was not

by some to be the finest piece of furniture ever offered at auction. It is surmounted by a clock and was almost certainly made for a royal palace.

Enough and withdrew the item. Oijeh, whose company Techniques d'Avant Garde operates from Paris, Geneva and Riyadh in a wide range of business activities, purchased the Wildenstein family collection of French furniture in November 1977. His office said at the time that he paid \$ 15 million, but that may have been an exaggerated figure. It was also in 1977 that Oijeh purchased the former

French cruise ship S.S. France for about \$ 20 million.

Oijeh had hoped to give the collection a permanent home aboard the France. But he was advised by museum experts and naval technicians that no matter how elaborate a system of atmosphere control were installed, it would not be long before the furniture would be seriously and permanently damaged by sea air.

In Salisbury, the "Sunday Mail" said Sunday Muzorewa's government is to retain local press censorship indefinitely.

Information Minister Silas Mundawara and his deputy, Ishmail Adam, were quoted as saying that domestic media would continue to be prevented from reporting on unspecified strategic, economic and military matters.

"I don't like censorship and I don't think anyone likes it," Mundawara said.

Both the minister and his deputy predicted that the restrictions, confined to local publications, radio and television, would probably be lifted once sanctions and the guerrilla war ended.

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over \$20 a barrel."

Most OPEC countries have already added surcharges to their oil selling prices, putting them above previously-set OPEC minimum levels. In Iran's last surcharge, announced May 31, it raised the price of its oil to \$18.47 per barrel for light crude and \$17.74 per barrel for heavy crude.

The chiefs of state from the nine Common Market countries decided at Strasbourg to freeze their oil imports at the 1978 level of 470 million tons for the next six years and to step up development of nuclear energy.

Meanwhile, the head of the National Iranian Oil Company Hassan Nazih was quoted Sunday as saying he thought OPEC would set the price of crude oil at over \$20 a barrel — more than a third above the current theoretical price — at its Geneva meeting.

Nazih, who leaves Monday to head the Iranian delegation to the OPEC session, was Sunday due to discuss with Iranian oil experts and government officials what price Iran should propose at the meeting.

The Tehran morning newspaper "Ayandegan" quoted Nazih as saying Saturday night that the Geneva conference was expected to set the price of oil at

\$14.54 per barrel. There has been speculation that oil ministers will hike the price to as much as \$20 per barrel at the Geneva meeting.

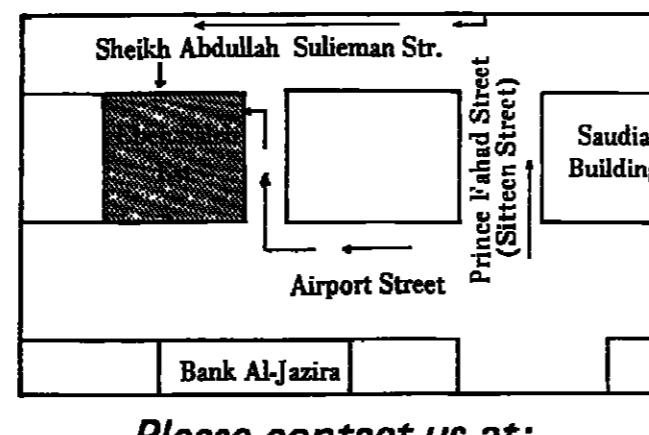
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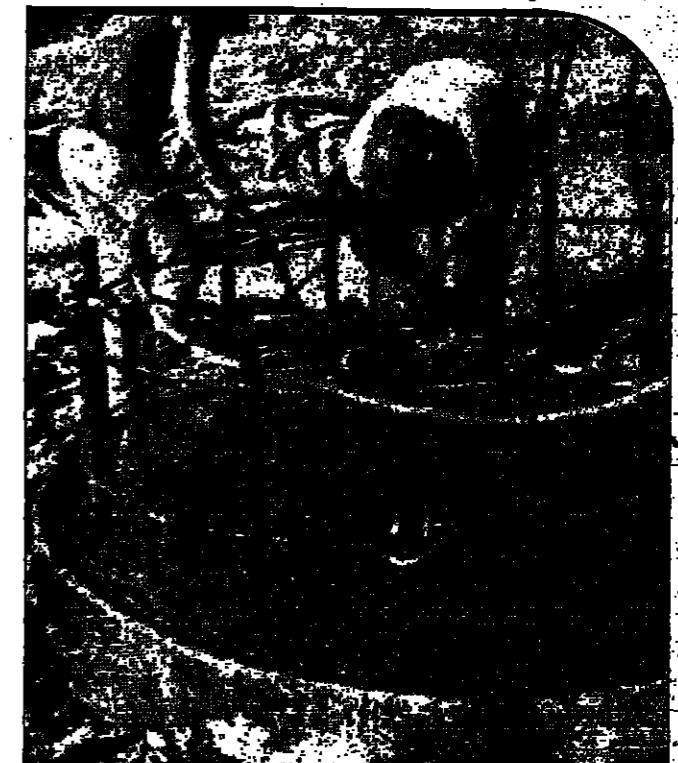
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